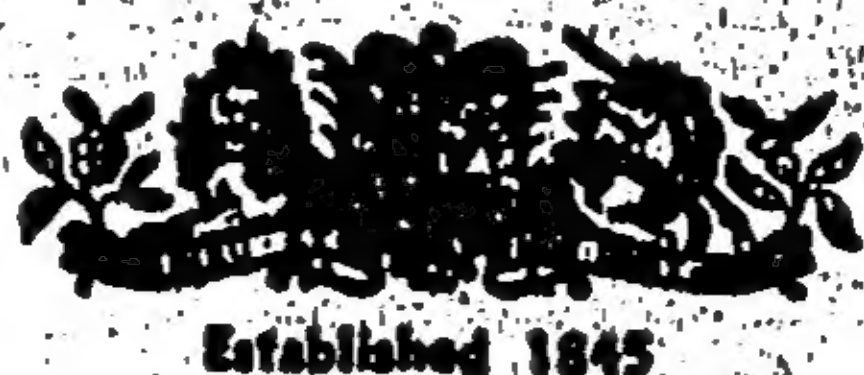


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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The Provocative Nasser

EGYPT'S Colonel Nasser is showing off in quite a big way. Britons expelled from Egypt; Britons arrested; British Embassy officials accused of espionage. Real tough-guy stuff, but what does he expect to get out of it?

If this is his idea of showing contempt for Britain and the part she played in the calling of the London conference and its approved proposals on the Suez Canal dispute, it can be written off as childishness—and quite unflattering to the Egyptian President. Or are these actions to be read as his determination to deal equally high-handedly with the Committee of Five which he has agreed to meet to discuss the Canal problem?

Whatever the designs behind his behaviour, he is doing nothing to create a favourable atmosphere for the impending talks. Needling Britain at this time cannot promote his cause; on the contrary it is more likely to lose him the friendly dispositions of India, Ceylon and Indonesia which at the moment he enjoys.

The Committee of Five, representing the unanimous views of 18 nations, are prepared to enter into negotiations with Col Nasser on the understanding there is good faith on both sides. If, meanwhile, he is prepared to indulge in provocative actions, he must not be surprised if the Committee's confidence in his good faith is severely shaken.

WHAT good grounds, if any, does the Egyptian government have for arresting Britons working in Egypt on charges of spying or may not be revealed when the promised trials materialise, but nothing could be more outrageous, as well as incredible, than to accuse British Embassy officials of espionage, and to threaten their expulsion. The British government cannot do otherwise than withdraw the two men, but that it does so under strong protest is readily understandable.

But although the incidents of this week provoke indignation, they must not be allowed to cloud the main issue, which is to bring the Canal dispute to a satisfactory end. Colonel Nasser's pin-pricking can be borne. Much more important is that the Egyptian President should not only listen attentively to the proposals emanating from the London conference, but should recognise as a solution to what is an international problem.

The whole purpose of the mission delegated to the selected representatives of the 18 nations who endorsed the London conference proposals is to find common ground with Col Nasser on which to negotiate a treaty, the terms of which will protect and guarantee Egyptian sovereignty as well as her financial interests, and at the same time place the future control and management of the Canal under an international authority. Anything short of this will render the discussions futile. Moreover their failure will create a new and dangerous situation. Colonel Nasser's responsibility to the world at this time is to listen to reason.

### Let's Invite The Duke

### Commercial Community In Favour

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce today threw its support behind moves to have the Duke of Edinburgh invited to Hongkong.

The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Colonel J. D. Clague, said this morning: "All the commercial community would welcome a visit by the Duke."

"We would like him to see the industry which we have built up and which he has already heard about."

So far, the Reform Club, the Civic Association, the Chinese Manufacturers' Union have announced support for a visit by the Duke.

Announcements by other community associations are expected in the next few days.

## Americans Apply For Canal Pilot Vacancies

San Francisco, Aug. 29. Six Californian men have already applied for positions as pilots on the Suez Canal. It was announced here today.

Mr Abdel Mohelm Khidry, Egyptian Consul-General here, said two of the six Californian applicants were from this city. He noted that \$14,177 a month and living quarters for pilots and their families were being offered.

The Egyptian Embassy in Washington disclosed yesterday that applications would be considered from American citizens and the State Department today made it known there would be no objection to Americans taking up such employment.

**RUSSIANS ALSO**  
In Moscow, the Egyptian Ambassador, Mohammed el Kony, said today that a number of Soviet pilots had volunteered for service.

The ambassador declined to disclose the number of volunteer pilots. But he said that none had yet been officially engaged and formalities remained to be completed.

Asked how many had volunteered, the Ambassador said: "With those from other countries there will be enough."—Reuters.

### Russian Accused Of Hat-Stealing

London, Aug. 29. Miss Nina Ponomareva, star dancer of the Soviet Union team which is to meet the British team here this weekend, was charged in a West End police station today with stealing five hats from a big London shop.

Miss Ponomareva, aged 27, will appear tomorrow before the Marlborough magistrate court to answer charges of theft.—France-Press.

### Typhoon Charlotte

Typhoon Charlotte, with 90 miles per hour centre winds, was reported to be 360 miles south-southwest of Hongkong moving westward at 15 knots at 9 o'clock this morning. The No. 3 typhoon signal was still up.

## SUEZ COMMITTEE FLY TO CAIRO DURING WEEKEND

London, Aug. 29.

Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, will receive the five-power Suez Committee, headed by Australian Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, in Cairo on Monday next, it was officially announced tonight.

The Committee will fly to Cairo on Sunday. The announcement was made by an Australian spokesman.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Embassy in London announced that Nasser's reply to the Committee's message, requesting him to specify the time and place of their meeting had been handed to Menzies at the Savoy Hotel by the Egyptian Ambassador.

Menzies received the Ambassador at 1900, after returning from No. 10, Downing Street, where he had conferred with the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.

## Sets Time And Place

The Australian spokesman said that Nasser had set the time and place for the meeting and that Menzies had accepted it.

It was considered probable that the Swedish Foreign Minister, Oesten Unden, the Ethiopian Foreign Minister, Aklou Haptewold, the Iranian Foreign Minister, Ali Abdalan and the United States Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Mr Loy Henderson, would either accompany Mr Menzies or meet him in Cairo.

The Swedish Foreign Minister returned to London today, while the Ethiopian Foreign Minister left London last Saturday for Paris. The Iranian Foreign Minister returned to his country at the end of the London Suez Canal conference.

Mr Menzies informed the members of the Suez Committee of the contents of Nasser's message at a dinner he gave them this evening.

Nasser's reply was said to have been contained in a telegram three lines long.—France-Press.

## New Suez Precaution FRENCH TROOPS FOR CYPRUS

London, Aug. 29. French troops will join British Tommies in a joint Anglo-French Expeditionary Force based in Cyprus, the two governments announced tonight.

A joint British-French announcement, released in Paris and London, said that France asked permission to station troops on Cyprus "because of the events which have occurred in Egypt and in the Suez Canal zone."

The statement said the French Government "wished to be in a position to assure, in case of necessity, the protection of French nationals and their interests in the eastern Mediterranean." To this effect, the French Government asked the Government of Her Majesty, which gave its accord, that a contingent of French troops be stationed temporarily at Cyprus.

### Strategic Position

In Cyprus—360 miles due north of the Suez Canal's Mediterranean terminus—they would be in a strategic position to do so.

Tonight's announcement was the closest the two countries had come to mentioning possible use of force in the Canal dispute since the London conference ended last week. Presumably the decision followed conferences in the past week.

with top French military officials who flew to the London Defence Ministry.

The joint statement did not say how many French troops would move into Britain's main Middle East base, nor when.

A translation of the French Government's announcement, "The French Government made it known to the Government of Her Majesty that because of the events which have occurred in Egypt and in the Suez Canal zone, it wished to be in a position to assure, in case of necessity, the protection of French nationals and their interests in the eastern Mediterranean." To this effect, the French Government asked the Government of Her Majesty, which gave its accord, that a contingent of French troops be stationed temporarily at Cyprus.

### From Algeria

Although official sources were silent tonight on the details of the move, reliable sources said that any such troops undoubtedly would have to come from Algeria, where France has some 450,000 men fighting a bloody war to crush a native Moslem rebellion.

When the Suez crisis broke, reports said that certain French elements in Algeria had been earmarked for movement in case they were needed.

France has already stripped her NATO garrisons in France and Germany to strengthen her stand in Algeria.

The arrival of French troops will add a new national element to the turbulent island where Greek nationalists, Turk nationalists and British troops have been embroiled in a civil war.—United Press.

## Chou's Advice To The Peoples Of S'pore And Malaya

## Get Together And Gain Independence Within The Commonwealth

By DAVID CHIPP

Peking, Aug. 29.

The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, told Reuter tonight that if the various nationalities in both Malaya and Singapore get together "Britain will recognise their position as independent states within the Commonwealth."

He added: "But if they are disunited and fight among themselves Britain will continue to divide and rule."

The Chinese Premier called me over at a reception tonight for the Singapore and Malayan Trade delegation and speaking in English said:

"Would you like to hear my views?"

When questioned further about independence within the Commonwealth, he added: "Yes, just like India."

As Mr Chou and Vice-Premier Chen Yi moved among the delegation members they kept emphasising the need for racial harmony in Singapore and Malaya.

In his toast the Chinese Premier pointed out that the delegation consisted of Chinese, Indians, Malaysians, Ceylonese, British and—looking at Singapore's former chief minister, Mr David Marshall—added "other friends from the West."

This, he said, expressed the unity of nationalities.

### HAS LONG TALKS

Mr Chou, who was enthusiastically greeted by the Chinese, spent a long time talking to Indian businessmen and then separately to British and Malayan members. Mr John Hall of Singapore and Mahmoud Bin Hajj Abdul Rahman of Kuala Lumpur.

After being toasted by their hosts—the Suez Canal Federation of Industry and Commerce and the China Committee for the promotion of international trade—the two leaders, Mr Ko Teck-kin and Mr Leo Yan-lan replied on behalf of Singapore and Malaya.

The Chinese Premier stayed much longer than he intended as delegates after delegate pushed through the throng to shake his hand and talk to him.

### "VALUABLE WORDS"

Their enthusiasm was expressed in a speech by the Secretary-General of the delegation, Mr Yap Pheng-geek, who said: "I hardly know what to say as the presence of Premier Chou En-lai has knocked me over."

He thanked the Premier for his "valuable words" on the unity of nationalities and said they meant "peace in Asia."

He added: "It means that the smallest and youngest nation in Asia has a chance of survival and prosperity despite differences in ideologies."

Mr Chou laughed and joked with delegates, telling them "we want everyone to come and visit us—we have even invited them to come from Taiwan."—Reuters.

## Two Escaping Convicts Killed

Montgomery, Aug. 29. Some 30 convicts made a break from Kilby State Prison in a work truck today but the vehicle turned over after a five-mile chase, killing two and injuring others. None of the convicts escaped.

Two guards pursuing in another truck and firing 22-calibre rifles "probably" shot out a tyre of the convict's truck. The Penitentiary Warden, Mr C. P. Burford, said, causing the wreck.

He said two prisoners died from wreck injuries and not from gunfire. An "undetermined" number were injured. Prison officials identified the dead as James Williams and Noah Hasty Jr. In serious condition at the prison hospital was Calvin McNeely. The guards who cut short the flight by making a quick pursuit in another truck were William Smith and George Moore.—United Press.

## COURT RULING PUTS SEAL ON ROMANCE

Sheffield, Aug. 28.

Eighteen-year-old Jill West today won a court decision over-ruling her parents who refused her permission to marry an Egyptian because of "the international situation."

City Court authorised her to marry Dr Shawkat Abdel-Kader Ismail without her parents' permission.

Miss West, who immediately secured a marriage licence for a civil ceremony, said "we will be in Alexandria, United Press.

where we are going to set up home, by the end of next month.

"I am not afraid to go to Egypt despite the international situation," she said.

Her husband-to-be added: "I don't think there is any need to worry about the international situation."

Jill met Dr Ismail, lecturer at Cairo University, while he was studying at Sheffield University. —

## Macmillan's Appeal To Trade Unionists

London, Aug. 29.

Mr Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today that dangers facing the British economy were as serious in the long run as the current crisis over the Suez Canal.

He told a press conference that the August figures for the sterling areas gold and dollar reserves—a barometer of economic health—would show "quite a substantial fall."

Mr Macmillan added: "This time of year is, of course, the worst for the sterling area, and we expected a fall this quarter, although our own trade figures are satisfactory."

"The reserves figures do not alter our general view of the situation, but they are yet one more reminder that we live and work very near the margin of safety."

The Chancellor said Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal had "dramatised in an instant" both the interdependence of East and West and the way in which the vital interest of Britain was involved in their relationship.

### ANOTHER DANGER

But the Egyptian crisis was not the only threat to the future of Britain and her people, the Chancellor said.

"There is another danger, more familiar, less dramatic, harder to realise—but in the long run, perhaps just as serious."

"It is the possibility that, by our own lack of foresight and

sectional divisions, we may drive ourselves out of the front rank of industrial powers and deprive ourselves of the means to prosperity and greatness."

Mr Macmillan warned that another round of wage increases not accompanied by corresponding increases in production would cripple Britain's prospects.

"I ask the trade unions to weigh very carefully the national consequences of any action they may now contemplate," Mr Macmillan said.—Reuters.

—Your Obedient  
Servants  
Want More Pay

London, Aug. 29. Leaders of civil servants, in a statement tonight, rejected government appeals for wage restraint, and said they would continue "vigorously" to seek more pay.

The statement came from the national council of the service union, some of whose members are government messengers earning, the statement added, about £7-10 a week.

"Whilst recognising that an urgent need exists to check inflation," the statement declared "the National Council could not disregard the fact that the government's proposals to deal with inflation were having the effect of further worsening the already low standards of living of members of the Union."—Reuters.

## ALLEGED US SPIES TO GO ON TRIAL

Tokyo, Aug. 30. Three agents of the Far East organisation of the US Central Intelligence Agency, captured in May and June of this year, will be brought to trial soon, Radio Peking reported today.

The radio said that the men were captured in two separate groups on the Shantung Province coast and that "public security organisations have completed their investigations of the cases and these agents will soon be put on trial."

The radio claimed two of the agents were trained by US espionage organisations on Okinawa and that "they were employed by the Tokyo organisation of the US Central Intelligence Agency under an agreement between the Chiang Kai-shek and American secret service organisations."

### COPY TO TAIWAN

The radio also claimed "it was agreed that they would send their information directly to the American espionage organisation and a copy to the Chiang Kai-shek organisation."

The third agent, the radio said, landed with two others on the night of June 5 at the same place "in an attempt to fetch the first group of agents back."

The first group, Peking said, included Li Tien-ching, Wu Po-chun and Yuan Ah-mu. It said that two of the group was captured the next day and the third was killed during arrest. The radio did not say which man was killed.

### "FELL INTO SEA"

One of the second group, led by a Cheng Yun-hai, was killed while resisting arrest immediately after they had arrived while Cheng himself "fell into the sea and was drowned," according to the radio.

The captured agents "have admitted that they had the American espionage organisation had entrusted them to collect military, political and economic information, collect samples of various certificates and information on the methods of applying for them in order that more agents and spies could be sent to the mainland," the radio added.—United Press.

## Briton Wounded

Nicosia, Aug. 29. British troops sent off the old town of Nicosia today after a British subject in civilian clothes was fired at by gunmen. The Englishman, who was walking in the street with his wife, was wounded in the hand. The gunmen were reported to have got away.—France-Press.

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## Wheel Of Fortune Blown To Bits

Caen, Aug. 29. A travelling van, containing a wheel of fortune, which had been operating for three days at the Colombelles fair near here, was blown to bits today when one of its wheels struck a buried land mine. But none of the 60 people on the fair ground was injured.

Some bits of wreckage were found a hundred yards away. A tyre from the van narrowly missed a woman who was

quickly washing her clothes nearby, and bounced away. Bits of metal whizzed all over the fair ground, miraculously missing everyone.

The luckiest of all was the van owner, Maurice Lebray. He was at the wheel of the van, manoeuvring it into position as a background for a group photo of 20 members of his family, who were standing nearby, when the explosion occurred.

No one was even scratched: The explosion left a hole 10 feet deep in the fair ground.—France-Press.

### From Algeria

London, Aug. 29. The British Transport Commission, which is responsible for running the state-owned railways, today turned down a union claim for a 15 per cent pay increase for more than 70,000 locomotive men.—Reuters.



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## Premier Asked To Quit

Dacca, Aug. 29.  
The United Front parliamentary party, after a four-day discussion, decided today to ask the East Pakistan Provincial Chief Minister, Mr. Abu Hussain Sarkar, and his cabinet to resign from their posts.

Mr. Sarkar told reporters after the party meeting that he would tender his resignation on Thursday. The party also endorsed Mr. Sarkar's advice to the Governor to prorogue the Assembly on August 13 when it was to meet for a budget session.

After the prorogation Mr. Sarkar and the Governor, Mr. A.A. Fazlul Huq, as well as other East Pakistan leaders had prolonged discussions with President Mirza and Premier Mohammad Ali at Karachi.

The Premier had directed Mr. Sarkar to recall the Assembly and get a vote of confidence.

The United Front is the Chief Minister's own party.

The Governor's order proroguing the Assembly was made because of the "serious situation which has arisen."

Opposition members of the Assembly have been threatening to throw out the Chief Minister's Ministry should the Assembly meet.

—Reuter.

## Ministers Resign

Karachi, Aug. 29.  
The Pakistan Premier, Mr. Choudhry Mohammad Ali, has accepted the resignations of the Law Minister Mr. I. I. Chundrigar and the Information Minister, Sir Ali Muhammad Hashmi, it was announced in Karachi tonight.

The two ministers, who both belong to the Muslim League Party, handed in their resignations when their Party decided to go into the Opposition rather than join the new coalition government.

Mr. Chundrigar is expected to be replaced by Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, a member of the new formed Muslim League Party.

—France-Press.

## LAOTIAN PREMIER RETURNS

Paris, Aug. 29.  
The Laotian Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, returned to Vientiane today after a visit to Communist China at the head of a Laotian delegation. It was learned in Paris today.

He said on their way home the delegation had "very frank and cordial" talks with North Vietnamese leaders in Hanoi, which had led to the settlement of several questions outstanding between the two countries.

A communiqué is expected to be published shortly on these talks.

In China, the delegation had been impressed by the efforts of the people to raise their standard of living to that of the Western people.

—Reuter.

## Communique Released

Hanoi, Aug. 29.  
The governments of North Vietnam and Laos today reaffirmed their support for the five principles of peaceful co-existence and called for a strict implementation of the Geneva agreements.

The declarations were contained in a joint communiqué issued at Hanoi after a 24-hour visit by a Laotian delegation, headed by Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma.

The delegation stopped at Hanoi at the invitation of the North Vietnamese Government, on its way back to Vientiane from a week's official visit to China.

The joint communiqué said the five principles constituted the basis for "broad, fruitful international co-operation, and that the relations between the two countries must be based on them."

The Laotian government declared that it would carry out a policy of peace and neutrality, that it would conclude no military alliance as long as its security was not threatened, and that it would not permit the establishment of foreign military bases on its territory except in the case provided for in the Geneva agreements.

—France-Press.

## AFRICAN, 115, STILL WORKING

Stellenbosch, Aug. 29.  
One of the oldest men in South Africa, according to a report received at Stellenbosch is an African shepherd living at Burghersdorp.

August has been with Mr. Smit since 1918. His body is still erect and his memory remarkably clear. He wears leggings and an old military tunic and every month his donkey cart takes him into Burghersdorp to collect his old-age pension.

—China Mail Special.

## POP

Paris, Aug. 29.  
The North Korean Government has demobilized 80,000 members of its armed forces, radio Moscow reported today, quoting a North Vietnamese news agency.

The demobilization was completed ahead of the time limit fixed by the Panmunjom Government, for August 31, the radio said.

## CHAMPION DANCERS RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE



An Austrian couple, Gerhard and Minnerl Sandner of Austria, receive their award after winning the Grand Prix de Nations International Dance Championship. A German couple were runners-up. —London Express Photo.

## Home Of Many Visitors

Sydney, Aug. 29.  
Jim and Norma Singleton have bought a house which in the past 17 years has had an estimated 500,000 visitors.

Since 1939 it has been used to demonstrate a building firm's materials at Sydney's Royal Showgrounds.

When built it cost £275. Today's price is £23,500. —China Mail Special.

## MARINES ARRIVE IN MALTA

London, Aug. 29.  
The 10,000-ton British cruiser Cumberland, which left Portsmouth last Thursday with units of Royal Marines aboard, arrived yesterday in Valetta, Malta.

The units joined the 3rd Commando Brigade, which arrived in Malta several weeks ago. The last groups of the 3rd Infantry Division, which have been gathering in the Salisbury region, are expected in Malta in a few days.

The Household Cavalry, formed into an armoured brigade, is also expected to leave Britain shortly for Malta to participate in the amphibious manoeuvres which will begin on September 3.

Vast areas have been requisitioned for the manoeuvres which will be the biggest ever to take place on the island.

## DIVISION MOVING

Another report says the British 2nd Infantry Division, now in West Germany, has been ordered to stand by to embark for the Mediterranean area.

Some of the division's equipment is already being loaded on requisitioned merchant ships in Hamburg.

The 2nd Infantry Division is expected to go to Cyprus, where already a part of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade has arrived.

Two battalions of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade were recently recalled to Britain to undergo intensive training. They will go to Cyprus within a few days.

—France-Press.

## 'Great Help'

Mr. Dayal said the surplus commodities secured under the agreement would be of great help to his country's economy as well as assisting the US to reduce its surpluses.

"In the course of implementing our first five-year plan," Mr. Dayal said, "we made considerable progress toward self-sufficiency in food but still have to provide insurance against crop failures and the wheat and rice situation will be a substantial contribution to this insurance."

The announcement ceremony was held at the Washington national airport where Mr. Benson had just returned on a plane from the Middle East.

Mr. Benson said that the shipment of American commodities to India "should be of assistance in improving the nutritional programme for economic development."

## INDIA, AMERICA SIGN BIG SURPLUS DEAL

Washington, Aug. 29.  
Indian and American officials today celebrated the signing of a trade agreement for the sale of \$360,100,000 worth of surplus United States agricultural commodities to India by citing the arrangement as an excellent example of the principle of reciprocal aid.

The former U.S. Ambassador to India, John Sherman Cooper, who started negotiations for the deal, said "this agreement is good for both countries."

"It will give India added security as she approaches her second five-year plan, will protect her against the consequences of crop failure and inflation and aid in preventing inflation."

At the same time, he added, it would help the U.S. get rid of some of its troublesome surplus.

## Payment Loan

India would pay for the commodities to be delivered over a three-year period, in its local currency.

The U.S. would use some of the proceeds for American diplomatic expenses in India and the remainder would be lent to India for development work.

Mr. Cooper predicted the agreement would lead to increased trade relations between India and the U.S.

"I envision in the future a larger trade and market between our two countries far transcending the importance of this single agreement," he said.

Participating with Mr. Cooper in the announcement ceremony were the Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Ezra T. Benson, the Indian Economic Minister, Mr. H. Dayal, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. William Rountree and other American and Indian officials.

General Hodes told Mr. George Mahon, a Democratic member of the House of Representatives, that the army wanted to minimize the possibilities of a recurrence of "recent serious incidents" in West Germany.

His letter to Mr. Mahon, chairman of a House Defence Appropriations sub-committee, said the army was indignant troops in Germany "can be the importance of exemplary conduct in their relations with the German people."

General Hodes said the behaviour of American soldiers in Germany had not changed significantly, but a number of sensational crimes had occurred within a very short period of time. The vast majority of the 200,000 troops under his command had "conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and have promoted American ideals."

## Boy Dragged

Pamplona, Aug. 29.  
A 7-year-old boy, son of the famous Spanish wrestler Vitorio Ochoa, was dragged behind a motor-bus for 2 miles from Urdulain to Alcaraz.

The boy caught hold of the fenders at the back of the bus as it drove away from Urdulain and was afraid to let go.

The boy suffered injuries to both legs. —China Mail Special.

## RUSSIAN MOVE TO TORPEDO UN SLAVE BILL

Geneva, Aug. 29.  
The United Nations Slavery Conference today voted down a Soviet amendment which would have permitted states acceding to the new Anti-Slavery Convention to maintain reservations.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Anatoli Tchistiyakov, proposed that article seven of the draft convention stating "No reservations may be made to this convention" be completely dropped.

## An Absurdity

He said that the Soviet Government upheld the principle that every sovereign state had the right to make reservations in any multilateral treaty.

Mr. S.S. Jafri, Pakistan, said that if the Russian amendment was adopted the convention "would be reduced to an absurdity and its usefulness, efficacy and desirability would be diluted."

The Soviet amendment was defeated by eight votes in favour, 22 against and 11 abstentions.

With this vote the conference ended its first reading of the 13-article draft convention and began discussion of some additional articles including the abolition of slavery proposed by the Pakistan delegation.

The conference, which is due to end on September 7, will now give the draft a second and final reading. —Reuter.

## Cyprus Bishop Under House Arrest

Nicosia, Aug. 29.  
The Ethnarch office of the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus today denounced the Government detention order, putting Bishop Anthimos of Kitium under house arrest.

Meeting in an extraordinary session, the office issued a statement, protesting against the measure taken "against the acting Ethnarch and our national and religious leader."

The statement said the act would make the atmosphere more than ever unfavourable for a solution to the Cyprus question.

Meanwhile, an official British statement issued this afternoon said that it was not the Government's intention to "prevent the Bishop from administering ecclesiastical affairs for which he is responsible or from due performance of his religious duties."

"Nor will he be prevented from dealing with any lawful matters of a personal nature. But he will not be permitted to resume contacts with the terrorist organisation or to indulge in political propaganda on their behalf."

—France-Press.

Moscow, Aug. 29.  
Indonesia and Russia today agreed in principle to exchange students, informed sources said tonight. —United Press.

—United Press.

## EISENHOWER APPOINTS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Washington, Aug. 28.  
President Eisenhower today proclaimed that Wednesday, September 12, be observed as a national day of prayer.

The proclamation called on Americans to observe the day as one on which "all of us, in our places of business, in our places of worship, in our homes, and in our hearts, may beseech God to continue to watch over us in our daily lives and in the conduct of our national affairs."

The President acted in conformity with a 1952 Congressional resolution providing that the President shall set aside a day each year, other than a Sunday, in which Americans "can return to God in prayer and meditation."

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# Russo-German Relations Strained

## PROTEST NOTE ON REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS

Moscow, Aug. 29.

The Soviet note to West Germany, protesting against measures said to have been taken by the West German authorities to prevent the repatriation of Soviet citizens was the latest of a series of signs that tension is mounting between the Soviet Union and West Germany.

The note, published today by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, was handed yesterday to the West German Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, Horst Grouppier, by the Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister, Vladimir Zorin, former Soviet Ambassador to West Germany.

The Soviet note charged that the West German authorities had used pressure, including physical pressure, on Soviet citizens in West Germany to prevent them from contacting the Soviet Embassy in Bonn and securing their repatriation.

### Protest

At the moment that the Soviet Union protested against alleged persecution of Soviet citizens in West Germany, the West German Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Wilhelm Haas, was in Bonn, reporting on the Soviet attitude towards West German citizens in the Soviet Union.

Out of a list of 1,000 persons presented by West Germany, the Soviet authorities found only two who were eligible for repatriation to West Germany.

The banning of the German Communist Party by the West German Federal Court in Karlsruhe has also brought forth a strong reaction in the Soviet Union.

For several days the Soviet press has been filled with comments on the banning, comparing it to the anti-Communist persecution of Nazi leader, Adolf Hitler. This campaign culminated last night in a statement from the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

### Suppression

The Central Committee said the suppression of public liberties in West Germany made peaceful reunification of Germany impossible. The statement also accused the West German

Government of seeking German reunification by force in a new war.

There can be no doubt that the German question is very much in the centre of attention in Moscow, at least as much as the Suez Canal conflict.

### Two-fold Policy

The Soviet Union has not forgotten the German invasion in the Second World War and it is following a two-fold policy to safeguard itself from this happening again.

On one hand, the Soviet Union has stopped the East German Government, whose pure and simple liquidation it will not accept. On the other hand, the Soviet Union is seeking an agreement on Germany with the Western powers.

## GEYSER SPURTS 300 FEET

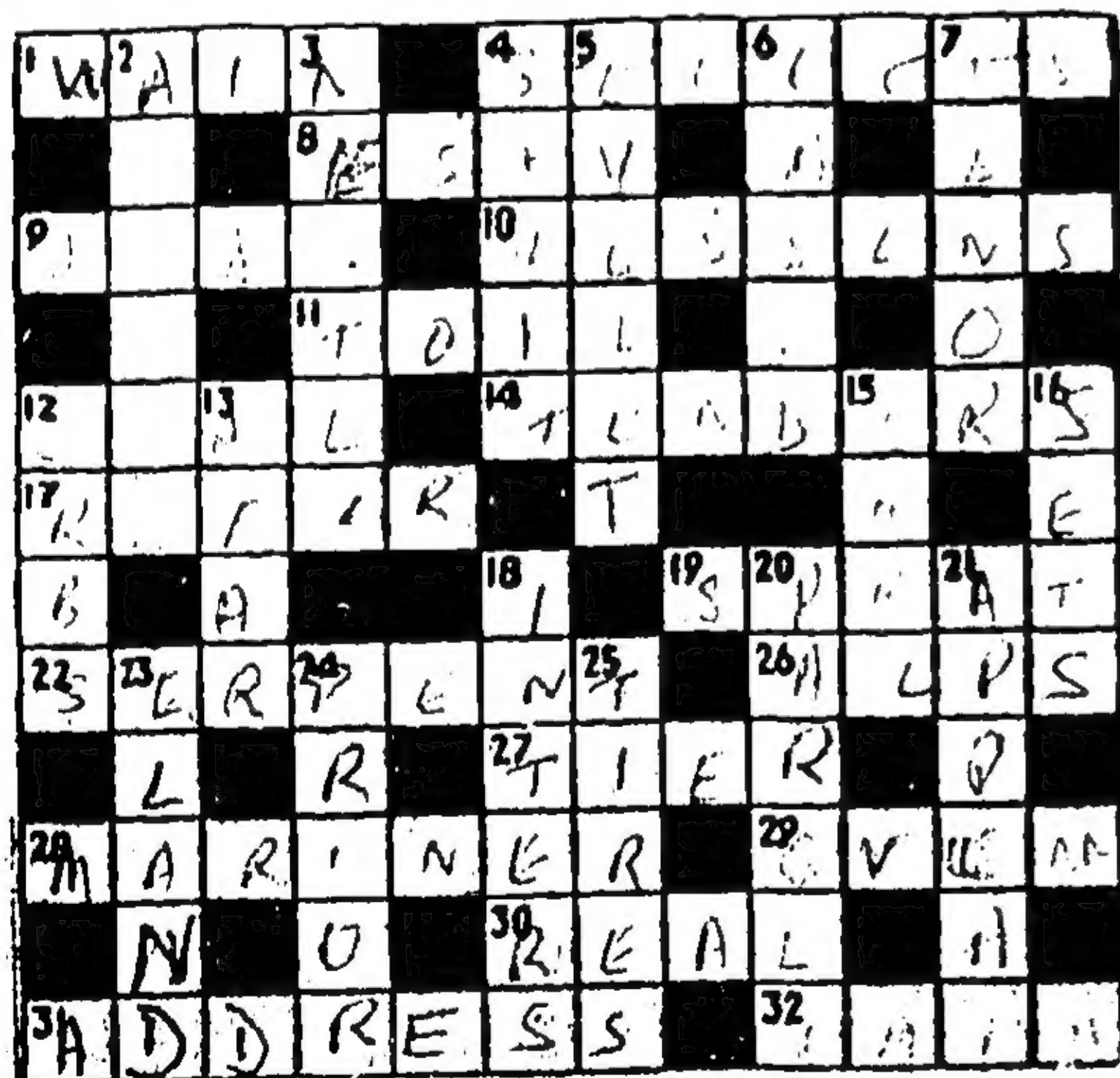
Lyon, Aug. 29. A geyser spurted 300 feet into the air today at Round Lake in the French Alps, as engineers set off two tons of melinite.

This was the second of a series of tests designed to measure the thickness of the earth's crust.

Increasingly heavy charges, up to a total of 10 tons of melinite, will be set off, while seismological stations register the effects of the shocks.

The tests are being held within the programme of the present International Geophysical Year.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

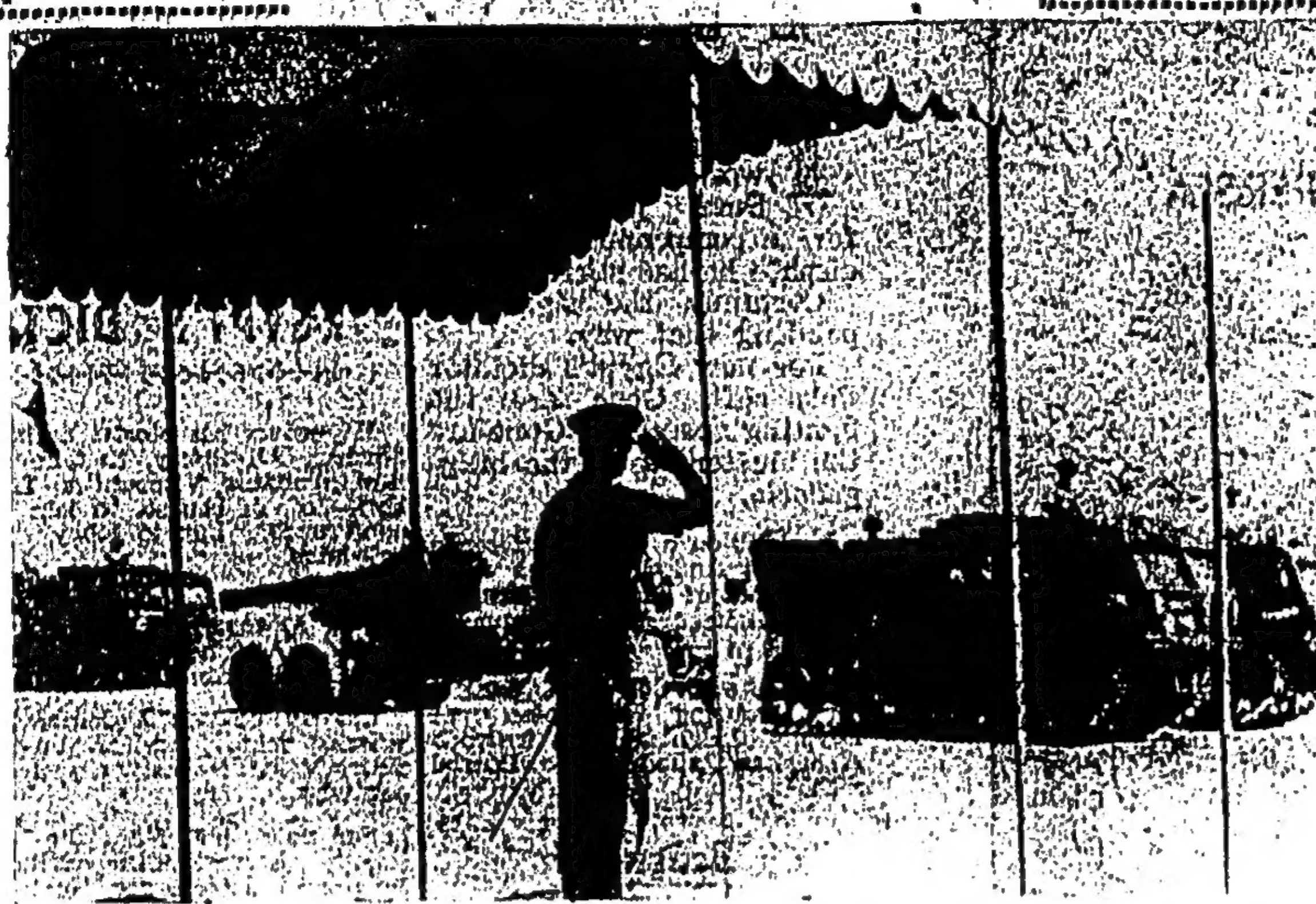
- 1 Wagon (4).
- 4 Choices (7).
- 8 Spot (4).
- 9 Exclamation of woo (4).
- 10 Diminutive (7).
- 11 Hard work (4).
- 12 Spoken (4).
- 14 Officers (7).
- 17 Allude to (5).
- 19 Fish (3).
- 20 Snake (7).
- 22 Mountains (4).
- 27 Rank (4).
- 28 Seaman (7).
- 30 Cooker (4).
- 31 Direct in writing (7).
- 32 Deserve (4).

### DOWN

- 2 Enlace (6).
- 3 Snuggle (6).
- 4 Divide (5).
- 5 Luchole (6).
- 6 Relieved (5).
- 7 Voice (6).
- 12 Spheres (4).
- 13 At a distance (4).
- 15 Nobleman (4).
- 16 Complete collections (4).
- 18 Burles (6).
- 20 Word of honour (6).
- 21 Come into view (6).
- 23 Antelope (5).
- 24 Earlier (5).
- 25 Wearies (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Ropnet, 5 Droll, 8 Serie, 9 Rooster, 10 Scrap, 11 Prize, 12 Teem, 13 Edges, 16 Dinner, 18 Corner, 20 Scene, 22 Imam, 23 Idler, 26 Bolog, 28 Sailor, 27 Novis, 28 Press, 29 Sparse, Down: 1 Rarities, 2 Frequent, 3 Snop, 4 Terrain, 5 Disent, 6 Recode, 7 Leave, 14 Grumbler, 16 Submarine, 18 Dredges, 19 Nemesis, 19 Onions, 21 Clear, 24 Ramp.

## Greek Military Manoeuvres



King Paul of Greece takes the salute of mechanized units during a parade which closed the biggest Greek military manoeuvres since the end of World War II. Scene of the exercises was Central Macedonia.—Express Photo.

## Habitable Antarctic Visualised By British Scientist

Sheffield, Aug. 29.

Man may one day make Antarctica into a seventh habitable continent by setting up atomic-powered settlements, Sir Raymond Priestley, President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, said here today.

Sir Raymond was inaugurating the association's 118th meeting, which for the next week will be hearing papers on all branches of science.

Sir Raymond said that atomic power could be maintained for long periods in remote places with little attention and might be used for the development of areas of the world at present uninhabited.

"If atomic-powered ice-breakers can be built, why not atomic-powered settlements on the Antarctic mainland? The harnessing of the Antarctic gale is another possible source of power."

He added: "But everything depends on the discovery of a worthwhile economic objective and this is not at the moment in sight."

### Pure Science

Sir Raymond said: "The chances are that for the remainder of the century Antarctica will remain the scene of investigations in pure rather than applied science. But man may yet find a way to overcome the latent heat of ice and add a seventh habitable continent to the six he already has in the world."

Sir Raymond Priestley said there must be valuable mineral deposits in a continent the size of Antarctica, though nothing significant had yet been found. Antarctica might also act as a vermin-free storehouse for the world's food surpluses, he added.

Sir Raymond said strategic considerations ensured that Antarctica must be "a pre-occupation of any great power" as a possible air or submarine base.

This meant that Antarctic exploration would become more and more the affair of governments.

"At the same time, if the experience of the last 10 years is any criterion, less and less scientific result will accrue per unit of energy and money expended," Sir Raymond said.

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## Not Slept For 30 Years

Manila, Aug. 29.

A 40-year-old man in the Philippines has not slept a wink for 30 years.

According to a Philippine News Service report from Iligan City, Lano Province (in central Mindanao, southernmost island of the Philippines), Mr. Gezonon, father of nine children, claims that since he was six years old, he had not been able to sleep.

It was only four years ago, he said, that he was able to take naps of 30 minutes at the longest daily.

The report said that Gezonon had three doctors to back up his claim.—China Mail Special.

## Reunification Note To West

Bonn, Aug. 29.

The West German Government will send a new note on German reunification to the three Western powers "in about ten days", an official West German spokesman announced here today.

The note will stress that a divided Germany constitutes an unstable element in Europe, it was believed.

Well-informed circles considered it was possible that the note would ask for a new four-power conference on the German question.—France-Press.

## British Aircraft Exports Up

London, Aug. 29.

The British aircraft industry's exports earned nearly as much in the first seven months of this year as in the whole of 1955, the Society of British Aircraft Constructors announced today.

The society's director, Mr. Edward Bowyer, said at a press conference that British aircraft, engines and other aviation equipment earned more than £25 million in the first seven months of 1956.

Last year's figure for 12 months was £26 million — which was a record. He said that British aircraft exports in the first seven months of 1956 were now being exported every week.—China Mail.

## RUSSIANS PRAISE SOEKARNO

London, Aug. 29.

"The Soviet people extend a warm and hearty welcome to Indonesia's President Amed Soekarno on his visit to their country," Moscow radio said today.

"President Soekarno, whose life has been spent in the fight for his country's freedom, is now our honoured guest."

The radio said the Soviet Union had constantly upheld Indonesia's struggle for independence and that the ties between the two countries had been further demonstrated at the Soviet-Indonesian conference recently held in London when they both supported the Indian plan.

The radio quoted the Indonesian President as saying that Indonesia welcomed foreign aid "wherever it came from provided that no attempt is made to attach strings inconsistent with her national dignity and independence."

### TRADE AGREEMENT

"The recently concluded Soviet-Indonesian trade agreement, the first between the two countries — was warmly welcomed by people of all classes in Indonesia," the radio said.

It said that in exchange for Indonesia's raw materials the Soviet Union was supplying industrial and manufactured goods.

"The Soviet people wish the people of Indonesia all success in their fight for freedom, political, economic and cultural progress," the radio concluded.—Reuter.

## Royal Party Enjoys Ceylon

Colombo, Aug. 29.

Prince Mikasa of Japan and his Princess spoke in glowing terms of their reception in Ceylon during a news conference today.

The Prince said that if he had known of Ceylon's archaeological treasures he would have planned to remain here long. He hoped to have an opportunity to make further study of them and of Ceylonese history.

The Princess praised Ceylon's scenic beauty and the hospitality of its people, also saying she would like to visit here again.

### ELEPHANT RIDE

The Japanese royal couple paid a 45-minute courtesy call on Sir John Kotelawala, former premier. The Princess was given another elephant ride to leave tomorrow for Bangkok. From there the Princess will return to Japan and the Prince will join a party of Japanese university students heading for Iraq for study that will last until mid-October.

The Prince and Princess were to be guests at a special reception given by Premier S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and his wife at Templetrees, their residence.—United Press.

## Nepal-Egypt Relations

Cairo, Aug. 29.

Nepal has agreed to Egypt's request to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries. It was disclosed tonight, Egypt will be the first Arab country to exchange ambassadors with Nepal.

It was considered possible that the Egyptian and Nepalese ambassadors to New Delhi may be accredited to each other's countries.—France-Press.

## Reunification Of Italian Socialist Parties Possible

Paris, Aug. 29.

Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the leftwing Italian Socialist Party, declared in an interview published here today that he hoped to obtain reunification of the two Italian Socialist parties without any sensational rupture with the Communists.

The Socialists and the anti-Communist Social Democrats have been split for nine years on the East-West issue.

Signor Nenni was interviewed by the independent newspaper France-Solir at Chamonix, French Alps, where he arrived last night for a holiday following a weekend meeting with Signor Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the social democrats.

### Convergence Of Views

After the meeting Signor Saragat announced that he had reached a "convergence of views" with Signor Nenni.

Signor Nenni said it was "fantastic" to speak of any spectacular break between his party and the Italian Communists which have been allied since 1947 and a dramatic reconciliation with the Social Democrats.

France-Solir quoted him as saying that he envisaged three stages—a rapprochement with Signor Saragat for the "immediate struggle", the drawing up of a joint policy for the 1958 elections and finally the reunification of the two parties.

"It was to discuss this procedure that I asked Saragat to come to see me at Pralognan during the holidays," he said.

Asked if he had not modified his attitude on certain international problems, particularly the Atlantic Pact, Signor Nenni said that during the past two years there had in fact been a certain rapprochement of view between his party and the Western Socialist parties.

### Different

"In spite of this, however, our viewpoint is still rather different from that of many Western Socialist parties."

Until last weekend, Signor Saragat had vigorously opposed those in his party who have been saying since the Soviet denunciation of Stalin that the time had come for Socialist re-unification.

But after his meeting with Signor Nenni, he announced that the Socialist leader had agreed:

1. That Italy should remain firmly tied to the Western camp in its foreign policy.

2. That a re-united Socialist Party would never form a government with the Communists.

### Reconciliation

M. Pierre Commin, assistant secretary of the French Socialist Party, arrives here tomorrow as envoy of the Socialist International of Western Europe "to seek to reconcile the two Italian Socialist parties"—Reuter.

### GENUINE DESIRE

Morgan said what he had seen and heard during his 12-day visit to Japan had imbued in him a genuine desire to help the Japanese.

He said he believed in various ways to surmount the problems encountered in the postwar era. Morgan said he hoped Japan would soon take its rightful place among the nations of the world and gain admittance to United Nations.—Reuter.

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## Frigate Completing Trials



The Turku, 2,400 tons, the first of the Royal Navy's six Whitley class anti-submarine frigates, seen in the English Channel where she was completing training trials before leaving for the Mediterranean. The two triple-barrelled anti-submarine rockets in the foreground are the main armament of the ship. The masts can fire a pattern of projectiles, set to explode at a predetermined depth, with great accuracy. Two twin and eight single torpedo tubes, a twin 4.5 in. gun, and a 105 mm. gun are also visible. The frigate is primarily designed as an anti-submarine vessel and is fitted with the latest equipment for locating submarines, including facilities for detecting, tracking, and attacking them. It is highly manoeuvrable and has a top speed of 24 knots. It is also capable of high speed manoeuvres.

## A-Collaboration

Berlin, Aug. 29.

An East German physics professor today proposed a collaboration between East and West Germany in the atomic field in a speech before the East German Parliament.

Robert Havemann, Professor of Physics at Humboldt University in East Germany, said: "The Democratic Republic has large resources of uranium and in the Federal Republic there are eminent technicians."

The professor stated however that East Germany could not give uranium to West Germany as long as the present political forces remained in power, since they could not guarantee a peaceful utilization of atomic energy.—France-Press.

## Nixon's Father Critical

Whittier, Calif., Aug. 29.

Mr. Frank Nixon, father of Vice-President Richard Nixon, was in a critical condition today from a stomach ulcer.

The Vice-President, now in Washington, rushed to his father's bedside last week from the Republican national convention in San Francisco when the older Mr. Nixon was stricken by a critical condition.



# A SECRET FEAR HAUNTS NASSER

By Bernard Harris

## THESE BRUTE FACTS ARE MAKING EGYPT'S DICTATOR SOFT-PEDAL

IS Gamel Abdel Nasser, staggered by the free world's reaction to his Suez grab, anxious for a compromise in the dispute he has stirred up? Certainly, the signs are pointing that way. For now Egypt's dictator talks soft. Gone are the fighting speeches. Gone are the bluster and the brag-gado.

He lays on a Press conference in Cairo. And appears so completely out of character that few of his audience fail to comment on it.

No longer do they see a rabble-rousing champion of Egypt's "rights." But instead: A hesitant, subdued, bewildered man.

### Brush-off

AND consider Nasser's reaction when he learns that Egypt's notorious British-hater, Salah Salem, has packed his bags to attend the London talks.

Immediately he repudiates the Dancing Major. He will have nothing to do with him. And when Salem seeks to hold a conference in the Egyptian Embassy in London the ambassador—clearly acting under instructions—refuses him permission.

Having given the brush-off to Salah Salem, Nasser makes another surprise move.

He orders his closest political advisor, Ali Sabry, to take the first available Viscount to London—not, of course, to join the conference, but to lobby the delegates.

All these signs suggest that Nasser is experiencing a cold trickle of second thoughts about the Canal grab.

Clearly he is a desperately worried man. And if you put yourself in his position you can see why.

For now he fears he has grossly overestimated Britain's long-term dependence on his Canal.

### Crumbling

AS that sinks into his troubled brain he sees all his hopes, all his plans and calculations beginning to crumble.

He told a howling, hysterical mob on nationalisation day that Egypt would draw £35,000,000 a year from ownership of the Canal. On that basis enough money would flow into the kitty to build the Aswan High Dam over the Nile in 10 years.

Nasser overestimated the earnings of the Canal more than three times. But the fantastic figure he quoted gives the clue to the problem which now assails him.

If he refuses to accept the Western proposals for an international board to manage the Canal he must get every possible penny out of it in the next 10 years.

For at the end of that time his "big ditch" could be out of date. It might be a backwater so far as the transport of oil—which now produces two-thirds of its revenue—is concerned.

### Gloomy

OF course Britain and France have not the slightest intention of losing the use of the Canal.

But even if Nasser cherished the faintest hope that they will not insist by every means on their right to stay there, this gloomy prospect remains to shatter his confidence.

1 The Western Powers drawing more of their oil supplies by a route he is powerless to close—round the Cape.

2 More pipelines being built from the Middle East oil fields direct to the Mediterranean.

3 Europe supplementing any temporary fall-off in oil by returning to its traditional source of supply—the Caribbean.

And, of course, Nasser is right to be frightened.

Britain and the other big European oil-consuming countries would never sit idly by and see their life-blood risked in a Nasser-controlled waterway.

They would turn first to the big ships. For the mammoth tankers of 45,000 tons and upwards can bring oil from the Persian Gulf to Britain almost as cheaply round the Cape as through the Suez Canal.

They have a crew of about 60—only a handful more than tankers half their size.

They have to steam an additional 4,800 miles, involving more fuel and extra wages for the crew. But this is offset by having no Suez dues to pay and the fact that tankers of this size cannot go through the Canal fully laden.

### The money

HOW many of these super-tankers are available?

At present not more than 10. But 30 are nearing completion in the world's shipyards or are on order.

Could more be provided quickly? Certainly they could.

Have no doubt the Americans would go ahead with a "crash programme" to build super-tankers faster than they have ever been built before.

Money to build the necessary tonnage, estimated to cost about £300 million, would be made available by the World Bank.

On a "war production" basis it is estimated that the tanker fleet could be built in two years.

If you think that optimistic, recall the fantastic achievement

of Henry J. Kaiser during the war.

That production wizard mass-produced one freighter a week for the Allies—and though a super-tanker is a vastly different proposition from a Liberty ship, it gives a clue to what American engineering genius can do when it is pressed.

There is another source from which aid could come. A key figure in the super-tanker business is the Greek-born millionaire shipowner, Aristotle Onassis.

His fleet of more than 100 ships includes several of the largest tankers in the world. And he has a 100,000-tonner and another of 40,000 tons building in the U.S. Plus a 65,000-ton tanker in Germany.

Since the Saudi Arabian controversy two years ago British oil companies have largely boycotted Onassis.

But now I can report he has been having hush-hush talks with the Government-controlled British Petroleum Company. And there is no doubt that his big ships would be made available to us in an emergency.

### Pipelines

WHAT about the pipelines? Plans are already blue-printed to increase the capacity of the "spaghetti" which carries Arabian oil to the Mediterranean.

And what about alternative sources of oil while the shipping and pipeline plans were being put into operation?

There is plenty of oil to be had in Venezuela. And the U.S. itself is producing below capacity. Many wells are capped in.

Already the American oil industry has set up a Middle East emergency committee to pool resources and so ensure that Europe would not go short if there were any interruption in the flow of oil from the Middle East.

What does it all boil down to—for Nasser and for us?

On the short view the Canal is absolutely vital to us for strategic as well as commercial reasons.

But as the years go by the commercial value of the Canal could steadily decline.

The development of alternatives to it would clearly cost us a great deal of money. But it would be far more costly for Nasser.

We could stand the strain. Nasser could not. That is why you see a frightened dictator in Cairo today.

# POUTING PANTHER? NOT MISS COLLINS

By Logan Gourlay

LONDON Joan Collins looked at me half-heartily and said: "I don't think I look like a pouting panther, do you? Or a torrid baggage?"

She was talking of the labels which have been stuck on her during her short see-sawing career in the film world.

"I said No, I didn't think she looked like a pouting panther or torrid baggage. Nothing quite so lethal and dangerous. More kittenish and playful."

Since Hollywood took her over, of course, two years and three films ago, she is sleek, well-groomed, and not (as before she left home) carefully unkempt.

### NO GUESSES

It must also be recorded that only nearly 10 weeks playing the part of a nun in her latest film, "Seawife," the off-screen Miss Collins is unaffected. She does not look demurely and chastely nun-like.

She arrived to meet me wearing a figure-hugging black gown and silver mink stole. She had chosen to meet in the lounge of Claridge's Hotel, where the atmosphere is certainly cloistered and hushed, but not frugal or spiritual. The string quartet in the corner played sedate music but not in a Monastery Garden.

As she sipped a vodka and tonic (at the moment) Hollywood's favourite drink because, I'm told, it leaves no tell-tale smudges on the teeth, she talked about playing a nun. "It was just as surprising as anyone when Rosalind picked me for the part." (He was due

to direct the film, but he walked out before starting.)

"Yes, I suppose it's the toughest acting job I've had so far."

"Most of the time I wear nothing but a sort of shift. It doesn't show any of my figure."

She contemplated her cleavage, and went on:

"I don't wear any make-up either."

"Imagine what I look like."

"I said I'd try."

"Don't think," she added, "I'm not enjoying the part. It's the kind of challenge I needed. I've really been working hard at it."

Was it true, I asked, that she had even read books on the lives of the saints and obeyed Hamlet's command "Get thee to a nunnery."

"Well, I didn't live in a nunnery. Anyway, they probably wouldn't have had me. I'm not a Catholic."

### SWEET, HELPFUL

"But I've met and talked to a lot of nuns. They've been very sweet and helpful."

"Not cold and remote, as I thought they might be."

"I told them I'd been divorced, but they didn't seem to care."

She said she would like an oblique vodka and tonic and took up the subject of her ex-husband, the beefy Maxwell Reed.

"No, I don't feel embittered about him. Though I wasn't 'jumping' with joy about the divorce settlement. He dropped the alimony claim, but I had to pay him \$5,000. That's a lot of money."

"What's he doing now?"

"Spending it, I guess."

"I hope to get married again. But next time it must be right. Perfect is the perfect marriage possible!"

"I don't think so. Have you anyone in mind as a perfect partner?"

"No."

"What about Arthur Loewy, jun. (See of a movie magnate, he has been her constant escort in America.)"

### 'NOT IN LOVE'

"I'm very fond of Arthur, but I'm not in love with him."

"I don't like going out with a series of men. You have a series of flights in the taxi on the way home. Too exhausting."

"No, I don't go out with Sidney Chaplin any more. Just Arthur. He's very sweet. He gave me this mink stole."

"But I bought my own mink coat. And the beaver. And the other mink stole. The coat cost about \$3,000."

"Did you buy that ring yourself?"

"No. Arthur gave it to me. And these ear-rings. Sapphires and diamonds."

"What about that bracelet?"

"Sidney gave me that. Topaz. 'What's your salary now?'"

"I don't like talking about money. Makes you sound like Diana Dore."

"You've reported recently as £450 a week."

"Well, it's more now. It's \$1,750 a week. What's that in pounds?"

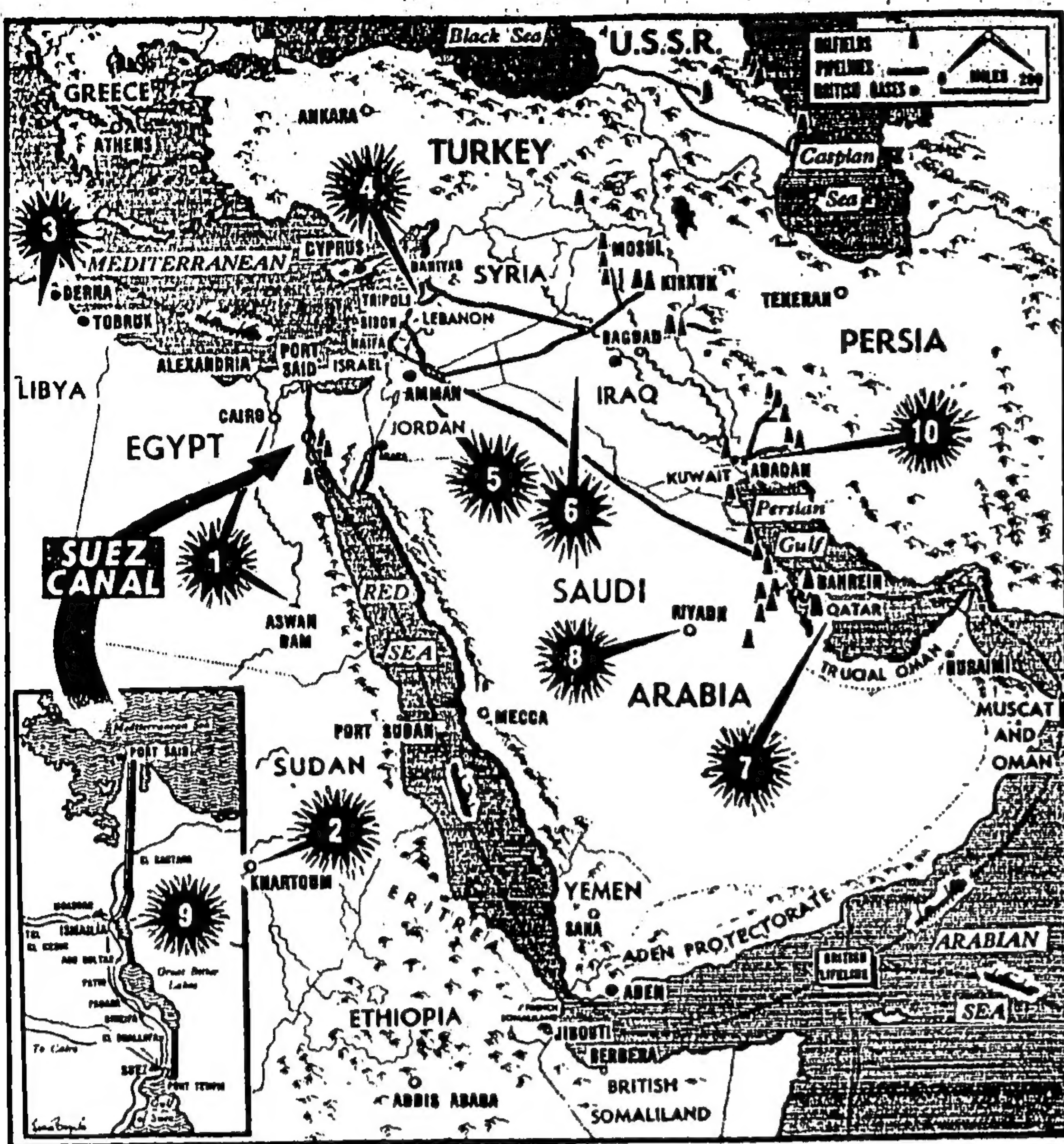
"Over £260. I think. Are you saying any?"

"A little. I'm going to buy myself some diamonds."

"I'm 23 now. I've worked hard. I think it's about time I treated myself to diamonds. Don't you?"

"Yes, I do. But you really turn down your presents from Arthur, will you?"

"A rhetorical question, of course."



## THE CANAL AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

SEFTON DELMER gives a 10-point commentary on Britain's friends and foes

1 Nasser's Egypt. Population is 23,740,000, of whom 16,618,000 are illiterate.

Chief export is cotton, of which 80 percent is pledged to Iron Curtain countries for the next eight

years to pay for armaments from Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

The new Aswan dam, to finance which Nasser seized the Suez Canal Company, will take 10 years to build, cost at least £400 million, and hold 20 times as much

water as the present British-built Aswan dam.

2 THE SUDAN. Nasser has failed in his attempt to buy control of Sudan's Parliament at Khartoum and therewith the control of Sudanese Nile waters. Sudan wants a larger share of Nile waters for irrigating the

Sudan than Nasser is willing to concede.

3 LIBYA. Britain has 7,000 troops of the 10th Armoured Division stationed here. To build up this division—as we wish to do now—we require the permission of the aged King Idris under the treaty which runs till 1973.

4 LEBANON. Its Government threatens to follow Nasser's example and nationalise pipelines passing through Lebanon unless the U.S.-owned Aramco and internationally-owned and British-run Iraq Petroleum Company agree to meet Lebanon's extortionate new royalty claims.

5 JORDAN'S army, to which British officers are attached as instructors under the new agreement, numbers 25,000. It is the best-trained and best-disciplined Arab army.

King Hussein has refused to exchange his £13,000,000-a-year subsidy from Britain for one from Egypt and Saudi Arabia. He does not wish to come under control of Nasser.

6 IRAQ—allied to Britain, Turkey, Pakistan, and Persia in the Baghdad Pact—is spending £303 million over the next four years under its £60,000,000-a-year oil revenue on a vast development programme.

Dams, power stations, roads, and irrigation schemes are bringing new fertility to Iraq's land, new prosperity to its 5,350,000 inhabitants.

7 QATAR, with 25,000 inhabitants and a £13,000,000-a-year oil revenue, has the highest per capita income in the world.

As in neighbouring Bahrain (oil revenue £4,000,000 a year for 120,000 pop.) and Kuwait (£100 million a year for 200,000)—both British-protected and British-advised like Qatar—oil income is spent on public works, hospitals, schools, and public health.

8 SAUDI ARABIA. King Saud, Nasser's No. 1 ally and financial backer (capital Riyadh), spends his £135-million-a-year oil revenue on ostentation, pleasure, and the subversion of his neighbours. Main targets are Iraq and Jordan, with whose Hashemite rulers King Saud has a long-standing family feud.

King Saud's ambition is to bring the whole Arabian peninsula under his sway. To achieve this he must get rid of the British so that they cannot defend their Arab allies.

9 THE CANAL (inset). Nasser says 120,000 Egyptians died digging it. In fact, not more than 600 persons died in the whole six years of construction. The huge 120,000 is presumably drawn from the Greek historian Herodotus, who lived in 484-424 B.C. Herodotus reports that 120,000 persons died while trying to dig a canal here in 680 B.C.

10 PERSIA, a Baghdad Pact ally, is vitally interested in keeping the Canal open. Her oil exports—much reduced as a result of the ill-fated nationalisation of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company—reach Europe from Abadan (pinpointed) through the Canal.

## CHEAPER BEER —BY A-POWER

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE giant atomic power stations now being designed in Britain may produce an unexpected bonus, scientists forecast this week. It is: CHEAPER BEER.

The power stations will need huge quantities of carbon dioxide gas to cool the uranium fuel.

And carbon dioxide is the stuff which puts the froth on beer and gives it its sparkle. It is produced in huge amounts at breweries as a by-product which largely goes to waste.

If the brewers could sell it to the power stations they would have an extra

income, which could cut the price of beer.

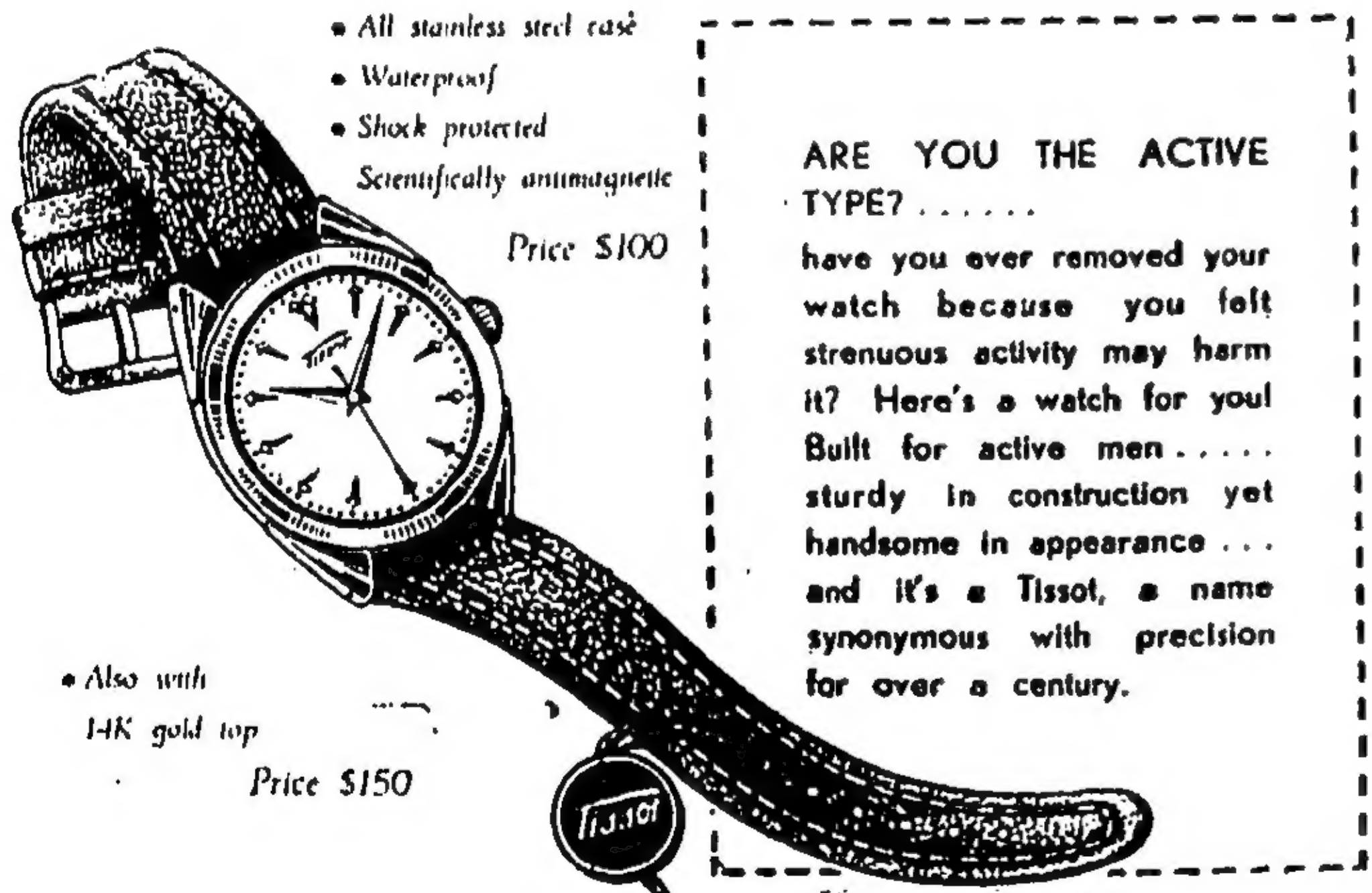
"It might be worthwhile to put in equipment to liquefy the gas if the price offered by the power stations is high enough," said a spokesman for the brewery industry.

Work on the design of the first commercial power station to use the gas is far advanced at the General Electric Company's laboratories at Brixton, Kent, which were opened for inspection this week.

An ingenious electronic "brain" which forecasts exactly what will happen if anything goes wrong in the atom power plant, so that safety precautions can be devised, has been built. The firm is so confident that uranium will compete with coal to produce electricity that it is spending £500,000 a year on atom work.

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## HISTORY WILL BE MADE TONIGHT

## HONGKONG WILL USHER IN THE FIRST UBER CUP INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Tonight all roads lead to the French Convent badminton hall where Hongkong and Malaya clash in the first round of the international Uber Cup match and with both the Hongkong and Malaya team in tip-top condition, indications point to a pleasant evening of tense, exciting badminton of the highest order if both teams are in form.

Hongkong's Miss Ullian Khoo and Malaya's Miss Tan Gaik-bee have the signal honour of being the first players to start the Uber Cup tournament off at 7.30 p.m. tonight for the outcome of this encounter automatically sets the wheel rolling for other zone competitors to play off their respective ties.

Both the Hongkong and Malaya teams had a rest day yesterday and Malaya's team manager, Mr. Cheah Mah-nan of Kuala Lumpur, yesterday issued stern directives to the five pretty Misses from Malaya to stay put in their hotel until after the match.

Directive Number One from Mr. Cheah in the hotel sitting room was "No more shopping." "Our mission here is to beat Hongkong and until we do, you'll all have to concentrate on your badminton," said Mr. Cheah.

Directive Number Two, in a milder form, was for the girls to be in bed by 9 p.m. The Malaya girls are raring to go into action. They have had lots of training both in Malaya and here and when the umpire starts the Gaik-bee-Ullian Khoo match badminton fans are assured of a grand tussle between these two players.

## CURRENT CHAMPION

Gaik-bee, who is the current champion of Penang and All-Malaya number one singles player, is the liveliest of the five Malaya representatives. Just turned 21, she has the agility of a cat and her boundless energy in chasing the shuttle has earned her the title of Malaya's "Mighty Atom."

It will be interesting to watch how Miss Ullian Khoo will fare against Penang's Tan Gaik-bee and judging from Miss Khoo's form at practices she will be no easy meat for the Malaya girl.

Gaik-bee, a bit on the short side for a singles player, covers up this weakness with her speed on the court and her strong power-packed smashes

and courtcraft will be a treat to watch.

Ullian Khoo has all the strokes at her command and if she can outlob the Malaya girl and still last the pace then she has a very good chance of drawing first blood for Hongkong.

Much will depend on Miss Khoo's stamina. Stroke for stroke Gaik-bee has a wider variety of shots—her best being the full back lob shot and her backhand returns. Miss Tan's anticipation is razor sharp.

It would be wise for Ullian Khoo to go all out in the opening set, for having watched her opponent both in Malaya and at her practices here, it seems to me Gaik-bee is a player who takes a long while before she gets warmed up. I predict a close win for the Malaya girl in this encounter but it will be closely fought, possibly going into the rubber before victory goes to Gaik-bee.

## ONE-SIDED MATCH?

The second singles of the night between Miss Lam Kit-lin (Malaya) and Hongkong's Miss Diana Yung will in all probability turn out to be a one-sided match. I may be wrong, but knowing Diana in big matches and the deafening applause that comes with these, I recollect how Diana has time and again let the occasion get the better of her through nervousness.

If Diana Yung will only play her usual game tonight as in practice, I believe she could give Miss Lam a run for her money. Diana is a good player but she still has the habit of taking things too lightly on the court. Whether she is in the lead or behind on points she

hasn't got the grim determination of a champion. My prediction—a clearcut victory for Malaya in this match.

The third singles of the evening will see the Colony Champion, Miss Helen Kwong, pitting her skill against Selangor's Miss Dolly Tan—the baby of the team. Miss Tan (19), according to team manager Mr. Cheah, is a player with a great fighting heart and is at her best in base to base rallies.

My shirt is on the Malaya girl all the way in this match for I personally think that Miss Kwong won't last to take even a set off Miss Tan. With the three singles played, the remaining four doubles of the match will give Hongkong a chance to score their points and here the strength of both teams is at par.

Malaya's first doubles combination of Miss Helen Heng and Tan Gaik-bee is the more aggressive pair and Hongkong's Ullian Khoo and Diana Yung will have plenty to worry about when the Malaya girls unleash their smashes.

If Ullian's and Diana's defence is as good as in their practices then this doubles match will not lack fireworks. Diana Yung with her partner at her side will, I believe, play a much better game than in the singles.

Her strong smash may turn out to be a point-scoring and in this she should let Ullian Khoo play a defensive role while she concentrates on attacking all half court returns. I predict a straight set win for Malaya in this match.

## TOO MANY GUNS

Mrs. Cecilia Samuel and Miss Lam Kit-lin will have too many guns with them against Misses Helen Kwong and Cinder Ho and this second doubles should give Malaya another win which would give them the winning score of five and put them on the road to the second round against India.

The remaining two doubles matches are of no significance to Malaya should the Malaya girls win five matches in a row and I think at this stage coach Tay will ask his girls to go all out to avoid the duck.

My overall prediction on the matches is a seven-all win for Malaya but the Hongkong representatives will fight tooth and nail all the way and this alone will be sufficient reward for spectators who turn up to root for Hongkong.

## TONIGHT'S GAMES

Tonight's matches in their order of play will be:

1. Miss Tan Gaik-bee (Malaya) vs. Miss Ullian Khoo (Hongkong)  
2. Miss Lam Kit-lin (Malaya) vs. Miss Diana Yung (Hongkong)  
3. Miss Dolly Tan (Malaya) vs. Miss Helen Kwong (Hongkong)

4. Misses Tan Gaik-bee and Helen Heng (Malaya) vs. Misses Diana Yung and Ullian Khoo (Hongkong)

5. Mrs. Cecilia Samuel and Miss Lam Kit-lin (Malaya) vs. Miss Helen Kwong and Cinder Ho (Hongkong)

6. Mrs. Cecilia Samuel and Miss Lam Kit-lin (Malaya) vs. Misses Diana Yung and Ullian Khoo (Hongkong)  
7. Misses Helen Heng and Tan Gaik-bee (Malaya) vs. Misses Helen Kwong and Cinder Ho (Hongkong)

## GIRL TO WATCH TONIGHT



Girl to watch in tonight's Uber Cup badminton match between Malaya and Hongkong at the French Convent court will be Penang's Miss Lam Kit-lin, pictured here at a practice session. Miss Tan, named second singles player in the Malaya team on Tuesday night, when both teams submitted their players for the draw at the Craigewalker Cricket Club, is one of Malaya's most colourful women players. She partners Mrs. Cecilia Samuel in the doubles matches.—China Mail Photo.

## BASEBALL

## Brooklyn Dodgers Beat Chicago Cubs 11-4 In National League

New York, Aug. 29.

The Brooklyn Dodgers put on an 11-hit attack that swamped the Chicago Cubs 11-4 this afternoon and moved the defending world champions to within one game of first place in the National League.

The leading Milwaukee Braves had an opportunity to restore the lead to 1½ games when they played the Pittsburgh Pirates at night. New York was at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at St. Louis in other NL night games while Cleveland was at Baltimore in an American League arc-light.

Roy Campanella drove in five runs with a three-run homer and a double as the Dodgers routed bonus pitcher Dick Garmitt knocked in three runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 4-2 decision over the Detroit Tigers. Billy Hoofa suffered his 12th loss against 15 wins.

Jim Wilson won his first game since July 3 as the Chicago White Sox topped the Washington Senators 6-7 with a 14th attack including four blows by Nelson Fox and three each by Walt Droppo and Minnie Miñoso.

The loss, coupled with the Yankees' victory, mathematically eliminated the Senators from the pennant race.

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Aug. 29.

Results of today's League matches were:

Huddersfield 45 Bradford North 10.

St. Helens 40 Salford 0.

Swinton 13 Hunslet 7.

Warrington 14 Halifax 17.

Rugby.

## LUTON TOWN 1, WOLVES 0

## Billy Wright Protests 'He Was A Yard Offside'

By DESMOND HACKETT

There were only three seconds of silence in this 90-minute thriller at Luton last Wednesday night and in that hushed pause Luton Town beat Wolves in one of the greatest games I have ever seen. Thirty-four minutes of high-powered action had gone when wee Mike Cullen came tearing in from the wing, put the ball behind Billy Wright, and sent centre forward Bob Morton tearing away from just inside the Wolves half.

As the sturdy figure of Morton moved forward Bert Williams came out of goal, was beaten, and left lying on the edge of the penalty area.

Morton moved on to the glory of his goal, and just before the ecstatic crowd exploded in a thunderous salute of cheers there was an agonised cry of "No, no!" from Wolves manager, Stanley Cullis.

Billy Wright protested that Morton was offside.

AGONY After the match he told me: "I thought Morton was about a yard offside but there was no point in chasing him because I had no hope of catching him."

The game was 90 minutes of torment for manager Cullis, who writhed in agony as the team hurled themselves with an almost passionate fury at the Luton defence.

But that Luton defence sturdily, coolly, drove them off. Luton never once seemed to play fast, thoughtful football, not even when their tortured fans begged them to "shoot it" in the white-hot excitement of the last minutes.

Cullen, who had a wonder first half, went up with right-back Dunne and almost scrambled a goal after 20 minutes.

A minute later the saucy Scot Cullen laid on a pass and Morton's shot was saved by a desperate effort by Williams.

Thirteen minutes from the end manager Cullis was up on his feet ready to roar home a goal by Booth but Pemberton kicked off the line—then impossibly grinned his relief.

It looked a certain penalty for Luton when Wright handled the ball but referee Oxley let that one go. It was about the only time he erred in this rapidly switching game.

In the last five minutes Stretton made a flying save from left-back Shorthouse.

Cullen was slow in laying on a certain goal after the Wolves defence had been shattered. Stretton saved from Slater, and Cullen and Groves missed by inches.

Luton won because they went through their well-drilled moves with terrific discipline.

As England team manager Walter Winterbottom said to me: "This will tell back your missing millions"—how right he is.

Wednesday 4 Chelsea 0

## CHELSEA SLUMP

Things are booming in Sheffield football right now, Wednesday, like United, having won both games they have played. On this showing against Chelsea they are back in the First Division to stay.

There was never the slightest doubt about the result when Roy Shiner gave them the lead after only eight minutes and, two minutes later, Albert Quixall made the score into two.

The manner in which the Chelsea defence panicked after this suggests manager Ted Drake is in for a first-class headache, although John McFarlane, the new back from Aberdeen, played a useful game.

Only other consolation for Drake was the display of Tony Nicholas at inside left.

## NO WORRY

He compared very favourably with any of the Wednesday forwards and, while he had some useful support from Frank Blunstone, there was little about the Chelsea attack to really worry Wednesday's defence.

When Shiner scored so early on the Chelsea defence had not paid the slightest heed to a warning they had only a minute before when they were playing about with the ball far too leisurely for a determined forward line.

Quixall's goal at the end of 10 minutes was a low deceptive shot which Robertson apparently did not anticipate, for he made no effort to get down.

No. 3 came four minutes after the interval and was well taken by Shiner from a beautiful Quixall pass.

Quixall headed the fourth goal from a Froggatt centre which Robertson allowed to drop over his head into the net.

Birmingham 3 Portsmouth 1.

## GOVAN SETS 'EM ALIGHT

By BOB PENNINGTON

A modest little Scot in baggy white pants walked proudly off the field at St. Andrews last night feeling it was great to be Alex Govan, first choice and only possible choice as Birmingham's outside left. Thirty-three thousand fans cheered him, Pompey players applauded him, and delighted Birmingham directors wondered: "Whatever made us ask Clyde about their Scotland outside left Tommy Ring?"

Govan was great. He headed two superb goals and hit the bar with a third header. He also had a third headed goal disallowed and another brilliant save by Norman Upham.

One 20-yard Govan drive on the left was powerful. It sent Upham flying into his own net as he turned it round a post.

Without any strained superlatives I am saying simply that

I know of no more effective winger in Britain, let alone Scotland, than Alex Govan in this mood.

And I'm taking Birmingham as the toughest team in the League to beat this season. Poor Portsmouth were overrun by the sheer speed and power and the delightful interchanging of this tremendous attack that is playing better than ever under the driving leadership of Roy Whitham.

Birmingham might have had six.

## ROAMING BROWN

The young Pompey defence was cut to shreds by the roaming of Eddy Brown and the goal menace of Govan and Gordon Askill.

Brown "the clown" who has become almost an "untouchable" to his over-sensitive supporters, beat two men to slide back a low pass for Askill to score after nine minutes.

Five minutes before the interval Geoff Hall lobbed a long centre into the goalmouth and Govan hurried through the air over six-foot centre half Cyril Rutter to send the ball rocketing into the roof of the net.

After 77 minutes it was almost unbelievable that the score still stood at 2-0 when galloping Govan nodded the ball against the bar with Upham well beaten.

Within seconds Noel Kinsey lobbed the ball back for Govan to leap again and score just inside the far post (3-0).

Portsmouth's pathetic attack—Henderson and Harris expected—only looked a goal machine in the last 10 minutes when Henderson scored from the edge of the area to give a false (3-1) picture to a one-sided affair.

(London Express Service).

## THOUGH UP AGAINST BILLY KIERNAN

## Two-Goal Charles Crushes Charlton

By BOB PENNINGTON

It was soccer's most unique contest for 89 minutes at the Valley last Thursday night—10 men of Charlton against 11 men of Leeds... 6 ft. 2 in. John Charles, the Goliath of Britain's footballers, challenged by Charlton's David, 5 ft. 7 in. outside-left Billy Kiernan.

Yet at the end these red-shirted, red-blooded 10 men of Charlton came so near to making an unbelievable draw of a game that seemed lost for a certainty when their captain, Derek Ufton, was stretched-off in the first minute.

England centre-half and Kent cricketer Ufton was plunged into this match at left half after only seven days' football training with one mission—lame mighty Chelsea.

Ufton got the ball in his first touch with the Big Fella, but slipped and dislocated his right shoulder. "Two years ago Ufton's career was threatened

by the repeated dislocations of his right shoulder.

England trainer Jimmy Trotter returned from the dressing-room to tell me: "This is the first time that Derek's right shoulder has been hurt. He's been strapped up but I don't think it's advisable for him to come back."

Shed No. 2 for 23,000 rain-soaked fans was when tough Kiernan dropped back to take on Charles.

After 28 minutes Charlton took the lead through a disputed Jimmy Gauld goal.

Ron White, doing two men's work on the left wing, passed to galloping Gauld, who appeared to be at least two yards offside, as he headed into the net.

Two minutes later Gordon Hurst had a spooned shot, scrapped off the bar. This was too much for Charles to tolerate.

Three minutes before half time Charles hurried after a long ball from Keith Ripley, crashed it between the posts, and scored just inside the far post (1-1).

Charles v. Charlton (was the story of the last 30 minutes of the second half). Eddie Keown, Sam Ballman's deputy for 10 years, has never had a more hectic game over.

Yet when Leeds and Charlton finally noticed the match was after 65 minutes, a slice of luck was required.

Charles scored into the air to meet a centre from the left wing and, with a header, he sent the ball into the goal.

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## Tottenham Hotspur—New Leaders On Goal Average In First Division Table

London, Aug. 29.

Luton Town lost their hundred per cent record in a thrilling nine goal battle at Wolverhampton tonight. Defeat brought them tumbling from first to fifth place in the English League First Division table.

New leaders on goal average, are Tottenham Hotspur, 3-2 home winners over Manchester City. Level with them on points are other winners tonight, Birmingham City and Manchester United, the reigning champions.

Charming the 40,781 spectators with delightful football, Luton's inside-right Gordon Turner swept in a hat-trick—one of three First Division players to score three goals in tonight's programme. But Wolves held on grimly to snatch victory after leading 5-3 at half time.

The other three goal forwards were Manchester United inside-left Dennis Viollet and tiny Alec Govan, Birmingham City's outside-left.

The Second Division leadership also changed hands. Up to the top surged Sheffield United, 2-1 winners over Fulham, who are still waiting for their first point.

Colin Grainger, England's young outside-left, laid on the Sheffield goals, scored by Derek Hawesworth and Walcock.

THE RESULTS  
Scottish League 1  
East Fife 1, Brechin City 1

Alloa Athletic 1, Brechin City 1

## THE GAMBOLES

THE HOLIDAY BAGGY GET US AS MUCH AS WE EXPECTED



## WHEN I'VE PAID THE BILL WE SHALL STILL HAVE SEVERAL POUNDS OVER



## YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE THIS IS TOO MUCH



## YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THE EXTRAS YOU HAD: SIX



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THIRST QUENCHER



## Sports Diary

TODAY

Valley Trophy: HKEFC v CCC at 4 p.m.

4 p.m. Promotion Shield: KCC v HKEFC at 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Badminton Association, Hotel Room, 8 C.M. Post, 8.30 p.m.

Children's Golf at Deep Water Bay, HKEFC Ladies' Stroke-out, 9.30 a.m.

Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Badminton Association, Hotel Room, 8 C.M. Post, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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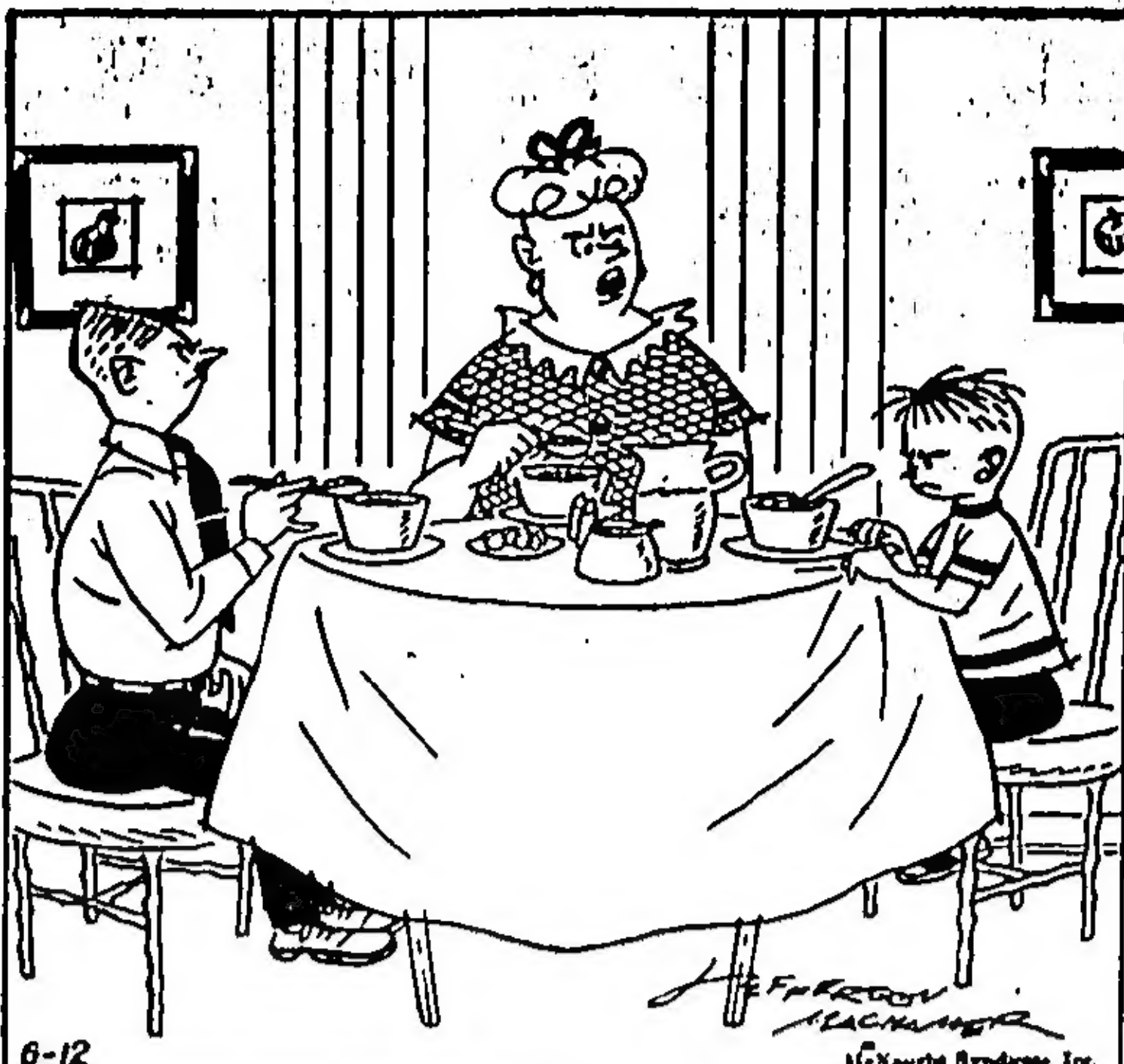
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## This Funny World



6-12  
"Eat your oatmeal and grow up to be big and strong like me!"

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IT is not every day that an alligator comes down the river Stowe to Stafford.

No wonder it routed the anglers and loafers on the banks, especially as there was no film-actor to leap in and strangle it while African spears ruined round him. The anti-climax came when it was discovered that it was a stuffed alligator. Whoever looked it over and carried it home in triumph was probably angrily rebuked: "You didn't catch that! You bought it at the fishmonger's. To which I hope he replied, 'You should have seen the one that got away'."

They come under different freightage schedules, and the present mix-up is the result of a technical error, similar to that which recently resulted in the delivery of eight tons of sawdust to a firm which had purchased the major part of a Government stockpile of missile gas-taps imported from Cetinje in 1949. Asked where the eggs were now, Suet said: "Either they or the ferrets got mixed up with someone's luggage, and a porter sent them to London. The crate was there claimed and went to London Airport and so to Karachi. Whether the crate contained the eggs or the ferrets only time and the people of Karachi will tell."

Don't you believe it!

THERE is not much demand for stuffed alligators. As an ornament they clash with the conventional furniture of most houses. There is, however, a shop in Sheffield which bears the sign: "Alligators Stuffed Promptly." As it is a small stationer's shop, I don't suppose the notice is meant to be taken literally. It may be a brilliant advertising trick to catch the eye, like the notice outside that baker's shop in Carlisle: "Iron Hots De-Rusted On The Premises."

Not as per schedule

INTERVIEWED yesterday, Charlie Suet said: "It is not the practice of this department to confuse eggs with ferrets."

## TARGET

HOW many words can you make from the letters in the word TARGET? The letters are: T, A, R, G, E, T, I, N, G. You must use each letter at least once. The words must be at least three letters long. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary.

Small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the target letters in the same order. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary. The words must be in the dictionary.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

BORN today, you may appear outwardly to be a jolly, light-hearted, fun-loving individual who has nothing but fun and amusement on your mind. True, you do enjoy all that! But underneath there is a strong vein of iron in your makeup—a serious impulse to do something important for mankind. You have a deep underlying sense of justice and cannot endure to see anyone hurt. Once you have espoused an idea, you will give it everything you have. It is called upon to head a committee or project campaign, there is no more devoted worker for the cause.

Normally you are peace-loving, tactful and polite in all that you do. But, if aroused to action by some injustice, you can take off the kid gloves and really give battle to your opponent. You are a power to reckon with when you are in action!

You have a talent for making money at whatever you do. Whether you can hang on to it or not depends upon yourself alone. You are inclined to be a "soft touch" and will be over-generous if you believe someone needs aid and assistance. You must be wise to investigate a little more carefully those who ask for help.

Affectionate, loving and with a magnetic personality which draws you to members of the opposite sex, you probably will have more than one romance before you settle down. But once you have made your selection of a life partner, you are devoted, loyal and constant.

Among those born on this date are: George F. Root, composer; Fred McMurray, film star; Samuel Osmond, political leader; Alexander H. Rice, early Massachusetts governor; Hazen S. Pingree, early Michigan governor; William A. Weir, artist; and John Williams, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

right solution and you should act on important matters. Profitous for a journey also.

RAQUARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may need to make changes if you are to improve conditions as much as you may wish to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The unexpected may happen, so be prepared for anything and you can even make a profit out of the change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Perhaps you can start out early on your week-end holiday trip. You should be able to have a fine time if you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—It is a thorough work while to take a chance on a new proposition today. Things are in your favor. It should be accepted.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—New contacts and business opportunities can prove highly advantageous. You could even combine business and romance.

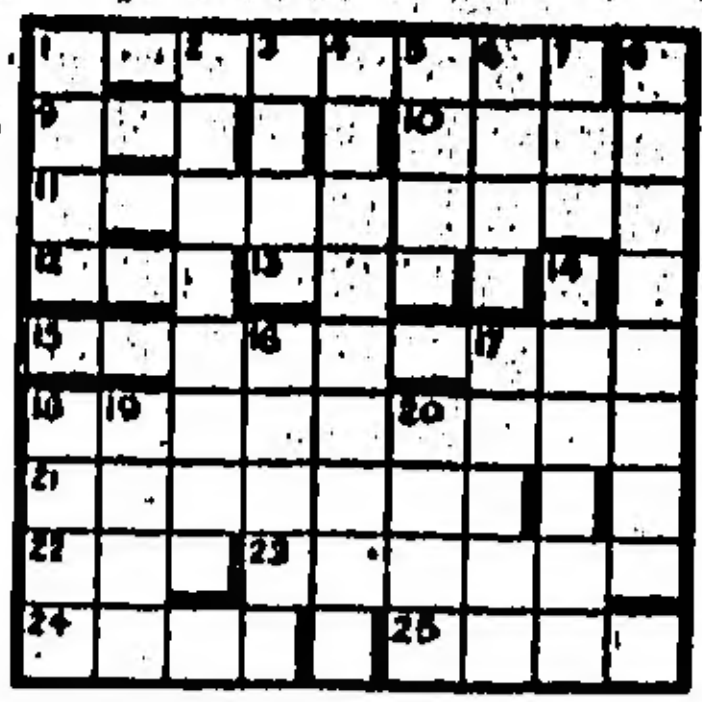
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are considering a new idea, then you may anticipate excellent results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This can prove an exciting day for you. You are in a position to be successful in promoting a new objective.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Good fortune and even a lucky break should be your reward for conscientious efforts. Finish a good job.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—Your magnetic personality can help you to achieve a goal for which you have been working hard. Keep it up.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Shocking, this type of thing.  
2. The silly quadruped. (3)  
3. Sacred, this the shillings and pence.  
4. Are these used to open temperamental locks? (5-6)  
5. Mamma of the troublemaker was this? (3)  
6. Three-quarter of an acre. (8)  
7. Rap tanner (anag.). (9)  
8. Winner in a show of force usually. (9)  
9. A ring in the middle. (7)  
10. Its fabulous, this creature. (8)  
11. Topped. (6)  
12. As a painted ship.  
13. Kipling talked about "frantic boat and foolish" this. (4)  
Down  
1. Pouch so softly away. (4)  
2. The dore, (anag.). (8)  
3. A house in Spain. (10)  
4. Music maker. I follow in after a song. (9)  
5. Progressive gentleman with teeth? (4)  
6. In demand during the summer. (4)  
7. Sometimes appears before leaves. (3)  
8. Village of Sweet Auburn. (8)  
9. Hypnotic gentleman. (6)  
10. The sheriff's men. (5)  
11. The gentle- hearted man is colored. (5)  
12. A graceful, garment. (4)  
13. A 1000 ft. deep out. (4)  
14. How to deal with a boss. (4)  
15. By any way dog. (4)

Answers to the crossword puzzle are provided in the adjacent column.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

How To Spot Singleton King

By OSWALD JACOBY

SPOTTING a singleton king is one of the most difficult feats in the game, but it isn't impossible. South should accomplish it in today's hand.

West opens the queen of clubs, and South wins with the king. The routine play at this point is to lead the queen of spades. This is not a way to ferret out a singleton king.

West naturally covers the queen of spades, and dummy wins with the ace. Dummy returns a low spade, and East plays low. South has no reason to suspect trouble, so he wins with the jack. West discards a heart, and South discovers tubular that the spades will not break.

Now South must try the diamond finesse. This loses, and

NORTH 30  
WEST  
EAST  
SOUTH (D)  
Both sides vul.  
South West North East  
1 Pass 2 Pass  
3 N.T. Pass 5 N.T. Pass  
6 N.T. Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead—A ♣

the diamonds fail to break. South struggles but eventually wins only 11 tricks.

The defeat can be prevented if South leads the ten of spades at the second trick. If West is able to play a small spade, the ten will serve for a finesse. When West must play the king of spades on the ten, the situation is clear. West would surely play a low spade if he could, since for all West knows, it is possible that East has the jack.

In short, the singleton king is discovered when South leads the ten of spades with the ace and returns a spade, and South can pick up East's spades without loss. The extra spade trick is enough to give declarer the vulnerable slam.

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
1 Club Pass 1 Heart Pass  
2 Clubs Pass  
You South hold:  
A ♠ 3 ♣ A ♠ 5 ♠ 10 ♠ 7 ♠ 6 ♠  
What do you do?  
A—Bid two hearts. The hand may be a misfit, but the strong six-card suit should see you through.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold:  
A ♠ 3 ♣ A ♠ 5 ♠ 10 ♠ 7 ♠ 6 ♠  
What do you do?  
Answer: Tomorrow

# WOMANSENSE

## ITALIAN COUTURIERS ADVOCATE A SLEEK, SLENDER LINE

By GINA POPESINA

DISCREETLY exclusive, yet common in their basic approach, Italian designers are advocating a sleek, slender line, emphasizing both shoulderline and neckline for the coming season. This is achieved by various styles that often gain extra interest from deep slashes at the waistline.

As always, Italian couturiers have evolved models that are strikingly simple. They are acutely aware that elegant women can wear elegant, but

not over-dressy, clothes, and that fussy styles do not help those who lack good figures or pulse.

Maria Antonelli chooses apparently plain, easy-to-wear styles. Yet there is tremendous interest here, for what might seem to be a coat is really a dress, and her "tailored suits" are found to be coats.

Following the general Italian vogue for slenderness, Antonelli accentuates femininity by following natural contours. Her tops are exact in cut, having well-controlled fullness springing from yokes or side insets. Tailored suits and classic dresses gain additional elegance from

trim, close-cut waistlines. One of her favorites—a straight-cut overcoat in heavy wool hopsack (she describes the shade as string-colored) has thickly ribbed knitted edges to match. Lined with red wool flannel, the coat has a matching tailored suit. This, too, has knitted edges.

Some dresses in check—sometimes Glen Urquhart—wool jersey show over open panels. Often pleated, these have loosely draped skirts, and are featured either at the back or front, or both.

Tailored suits in wool tweeds with small fancy surfaces have jackets which are moulded in front and have two back panels which flow towards the hemline. Buttons on tailored suits are mostly hidden by deep removable yokes.

### LINE OF "PERSUASION"

Antonelli concentrates on tweeds with smooth surfaces in new, novel shades among which are purple, blue and green. Thick basket weave wool fabrics are featured in neutral shades such as sand, jute and string; velours in Bengala red. Small dog-tooth fancy wool fabrics and cloths bearing enlarged Glen Urquhart checks are her choice for sport and travel clothes.

The new line at Carosa is dubbed Persuasion. The provides many interesting novelties, including cross-over wrapping skirts, draped tailored suits with small matching capes, overcoats with controlled fullness towards the hemline, and casual overcoats that also feature small matching capes.

Grey wool, slightly chequered in tobacco brown, is the choice for a soft loose overcoat with two deep pleats in the back. The pleats are held at the top by a tab, and the coat is worn with a plain, semi-fitted tailored suit which has a slightly emphasized shoulderline.

One of Carosa's most interesting models is a formal tailored suit in a new glossy Shetland wool fabric. This has a cross-over skirt with long side slits showing what appears to be a "second" skirt. The shoulders are enveloped in a smooth, gracefully cut cape with mini-trimmed collar.

Maintaining its reputation for colours, this house promotes, among others, delicate rose-bud, dark grey with brown tones, and the over-romantic combinations of red and black. All his models are in soft wool fabrics such as velours, jersey-



SCHUBERTH: This ensemble in beige wool fabric trimmed with a wide Persian lamb collar illustrates the Shadow Line. CAPUCCI: Refined elegance can be seen in the line of this ensemble in black wool, which shows the designer's taste for contrasting lines. VENEZIANI: A typical overcoat in honey soft wool velour cut on the Spiral Line.

wool, Shetland and Cheviot tweeds.

Cesare Guidi (Florence), one of Italy's most traditional designers, launches what is called a "Temerarious" Line. This in fact, is far from rash, for even his most sensational ensembles are neat and precise.

The "double-back" trend, common to most Italian designers at present, appears in many of his models. All seven-dights ensembles, for instance, have long, pleated backs—a feature admirably illustrated in a hazel and green model with a double coat effect in the front. The inner coat is green and is buttoned up to the neckline, while the hazel top-coat is without buttons.

### THE "DOUBLE-BACK" TREND

Tailored suits in Shetland wool and other tweeds, worn with full-skirted overcoats, are also being made by Guidi. His dresses—many are quite straight in cut—are surprisingly plain, but gain attractiveness through choice of fabric, often tulle or a herringbone trend. Venezzani (Milan) had produced the Spiral Line—

Smooth, elongated bodies and wide skirts are major points in his range of morning dresses, all of which reflect his love for boleros. In rough wool tweeds—grey and white, or white and black—they are outside the spiral line, but this is seen again in his afternoon and other formal models in crystal jerseys, and both light and dark crisp wool fabrics.

Marucelli (Milan) has developed her Chrysalis Line in a logical series. It was preceded by the Caterpillar and Butterfly lines. "The Caterpillars" is the jocular term for her straight day coats in which the sleeves start well down below a narrow armhole. Chrysalids are her smart tunic-dresses with two or more flounce effects.

Even this designer's most formal models have clever drapings, and bold "scrolls" are designed on the fundamental tunic theme. Her favourite shade is black.

Shetland tweed, wool crepes, velours, basket weaves, top-coats, wool, cloths with small designs and jersey wool—all in ten different black shades blended, mixed and offset by opaque and glossy blacks—achieve a dramatic effect. In other tweeds Marucelli chooses lighter shades: hazel and willow green, bright blue and bronze.

PLAY WITH LIGHT AND SHADOW

Capucci (Rome) has christened his collection Sten and Corolla Lines. Now and then styles which do not contrast, his tailored suits have straight, short jackets which possess interest in side and back panels. He chooses a wide, flat collar—sharply pointed at the back and lined with fur—for one overcoat which stresses the natural bustline. For slim, tailored suits his choice is red and black, herringbone wool cloths, or rusky-toned Shetland tweeds, "on" fancy tweeds in light colours. He also chooses bug herringbone Shetlands in black and brown—a favourite for winter topsuits.

Two overcoats—both feature a double back effect—are in striking shades of beige and black. "The double back" is a feature which has been captured many overcoats. Buyers with light and shadow in long flowing capes and dresses wrapped in spaces in the main focus points of his latest models, and smoothly enveloped in the little, alluringly which this designer has created. Light and shadow effects can be seen in this evening gown of over-bright, silver, silver, black and grey, with black and white.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Mr. Punch's Picture

—He Crept Into It to Find Out What Was There—

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I was a small boy," said Mr. Punch, looking around and smiling, "there used to be a picture hanging right over my bed. It was a lovely picture."

At this Knarr and Hand, the shadow—children with the turned-about names, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and also Canary, Hobby Horse and Hwartha, the Wooden Indian Boy, all broke in to ask Mr. Punch to tell them what the picture that hung over his bed was a picture of. "Just what I was about to tell you," answered Mr. Punch, smiling again. "I'll describe just what was in the picture."

### Shut His Eyes

Mr. Punch shut his eyes for a moment or two as if he were trying to remember exactly what was in the picture. Presently he opened them again and said:

"You could see a row of houses with high, thatched roofs and little gardens on each side of them. Toward the back there was a brook with a mill riding behind it. And in front was the sea, sparkling in the sunshine. It must have been wintertime in the picture for there was snow on the ground. The icicles hung from the trunks of the trees. And marching down the street were some men and women, boys and girls, all dressed very strangely—or at any rate they weren't dressed like people are today. And under the picture were the words Plymouth Town."

### Wanted To Know

Knarr said he would like to know who the picture was called Plymouth Town and what the strangely dressed people were. Mr. Punch said: "You can find everything you want to know if

you look it up in a big book, Mr. Punch. Did you look up that name in a big book?"

Mr. Punch answered that he didn't have any big books.

"But," said he, "I knew how to find out without looking up any big book!"

"How?" everyone else asked, wondering what he was going to say.

### In The Garden

For answer Mr. Punch said: "I was so small that I was able to creep into the picture itself. I found myself in the garden in front of one of the cottages, then hurrying to the street where the strangely dressed people were marching."

"Meanwhile," inside the picture, I found that it really was winter. A cold wind was blowing."

"I had a close look at the people," Mr. Punch went on, "the women wore bonnets and white collars and long, wide skirts. The men wore wide hats and they all carried muskets."

The children were dressed like their elders.

"I ran up to a man with a beard, who was leading the rest of the people. I told him who I was and said I had come to find out who they were. The man smiled at me."

"We are pilgrims," he told me. "We are going to church. Not long ago, we landed here from Holland in a ship called the Mayflower. We have built this town of Plymouth here in America and we mean to stay here always."

### First Thanksgiving

"Then he invited me to come back soon," he said they were going to have a Thanksgiving feast, the first Thanksgiving ever to be held in America.

"I found out that the man's name was Captain Miles Standish. I also met John Alden and Priscilla."

"Then I jumped out of the picture and back into my bed!"

"And were those Pilgrims really going to have a Thanksgiving feast?" Knarr wanted to know. Mr. Punch had finished his story.

"Indeed they were!" said Mr. Punch.

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## BULGARIAN INTELLECTUALS ARE DISILLUSIONED POZNAN PRODUCED NO POLICY CHANGE

By HUBERT HARRISON

Vienna, Aug. 29.

BULGARIA felt less reaction from the recent riots in Poznan, Poland, than did any of the Soviet bloc states, according to reports from Sofia reaching Vienna.

Some members of the Bulgarian Union of Writers, including some of the older communist members, did misunderstand the situation which had arisen so far that they deemed freedom from party control for the world of art, but they were soon disillusioned.

There was no serious threat to the government or the party leadership and the authority of the Soviet Union over Bulgaria remained unimpaired.

### THREE REASONS

Three reasons are given for this:

1. The Soviet decision to remove Vukobratov from the leadership of the Bulgarian Government and Communist Party was taken quickly and thereby removed the great focus point for discontent.

2. It was said that the historical links of Bulgaria and Russia made it easy for the Soviet Union to convince the Bulgarians that they were friendly.

3. The standard of living in Bulgaria, always low, had slightly improved in the last three years.

This had removed from among the workers and town people at least the economic basis of discontent which led to the uprising in Poland.

Bulgarian peasants are still comically discontented, a collection of poverty-stricken in the land for many decades.

### COMPLAINT

The discontent among writers and artists had been more active and was still simmering, and a party from Sofia.

An article in the Literature Front recently complained that members of the Writers' Union had taken advantage of the freedom given by the decisions of the twentieth congress of the Soviet Communist Party to voice severely the policy of the party itself.

There had even been a fairly wide demand for freedom of literature in their condemnation of the cult of the cult of the writer, which had used the excuse to ask for freedom from all party restraint. But the article says that this can be put right by party discipline and "public opinion."

The writer of the article pointed out that "freedom" meant that the Writers' Union members had demanded, "had to place in a socialist society."

Writers under communism, he said, must "objectively reflect life and create literature saturated with ideological and political concepts which would serve the people, party and state."

A few weeks earlier another of the Soviet bloc countries, Hungary, had her own surprise news.

Short, fat Matyas Rakosi, with his shining bald pate and disproportionately large head, looked the picture of tough health. Then, suddenly, he retired from his job as First Secretary of the Hungarian Workers' (Communist) Party pleading "advanced age and ill-health" as the reasons.

### NOT BELIEVED

It was not believed in political circles in Budapest that his 64 years or his high blood pressure were the real reasons for his retirement. A combination of a desire by Moscow to please President Tito of Yugoslavia and the force of the dissatisfaction with Rakosi's rule among a large section of his own party, were considered to be the real causes. And the final push was believed to have come from Moscow.

Now that his star is in the ascendancy in Moscow, Marshal Tito does not forget those who kicked him when he was down in 1948.

Among the chief of these was Rakosi and so when Tito was in Moscow recently on his first visit since he was thrown out of the Cominform, he asked the head of Rakosi and one of the prices for the reconciliation with the Eastern bloc.

As Tito is playing a very big role in the Kremlin's new policy with regard to India, Malaya, Egypt and the East in general, this was a great price.

The dissatisfied elements in the Communist Party in Hungary had no reason to be repelled at the change which has been made, observers in Budapest believe.

The main opposition to Rakosi in the Party had been a group of young intellectuals centred on the Falcon Club and

demanding a return to the "June Road" policy of Imre Nagy, who had been ousted from the Premiership by Rakosi in 1955.

The main points of the June Road policy had been a switch from heavy industry to consumer goods in industrial production and a move to win the peasants over by releasing those who withheld from the hated bondage of the collective farms.

But it was Erno Gero, the new First Secretary of the party, who was brought back by Rakosi as his economic expert in 1955 to carry through the policy of returning to heavy industry and rapid collectivisation. He has made it clear that he does not intend to give way to the agitation for a return to the June Road policy. He told the Central Committee that the "second political view" based on the Falcon Club "is in opposition to our policy" and would go no further.

The Kremlin has achieved its object, it has given the maximum satisfaction compatible with acceptance to Tito and has made the minimal changes in the regime without losing any of its control over the Hungarian situation, for the Moscow-trained Gero is believed to be as much a Kremlin man as Rakosi himself.

**LONG DURATION**  
But observers in Budapest were not sure that this satisfaction would be of long duration. This was a sure sign that the Yugoslavs would be so easily fobbed off with the shadow instead of the reality. And they did not believe that the dissatisfaction within the Communist Party in Hungary, not to mention the wider and deeper dissatisfaction of the Hungarian people with the regime, would be still so easily for long.

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## THIEVES STEAL HOUSE

Mexico City, Aug. 29.

Hugo Olvera Chazaro had a house to rent on Avenida Guadalupe in Mexico City's suburban San Pedro de los Pinos. When he took a prospective client to look at it he was astonished to find that it had disappeared.

Senior Chazaro maintained the services of a watchman whom he summoned immediately and demanded an explanation. The watchman, it turned out, had attended a fiesta and had not gone to work on Saturday or Sunday. However, he assured the owner that the house had been standing when he left on Saturday afternoon.

Later, neighbours told Chazaro that two trucks with about 20 workmen drove up on Saturday night and demolished the building and carried away all the materials and fixtures.

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International holiday courses are held each year at the Hertfordshire School Camp, Cuffley — and they are increasing in popularity. The camp becomes an "All-Nation Camp" for boys and girls over 15 from all parts of Europe and the British Isles, who live a communal life there, and visit places of historical and educational interest. For the first time this year a "Girls Only" course was arranged, some of the participants of which are pictured in a sing-song. From left are: Karen Naver, 16, of Denmark (with plaid, sealed); Ulla Praetorius, 17, of Denmark (wearing jeans); Turi Aas of Norway, in national costume; Kirsten Ammitzboll, 16, of Denmark (center); Karin Lange, 16, of Denmark (in tent opening); Joyce Leeper, 18, of Ireland, in national costume and playing music on her recorder; Heather Boyd, 17, of Walford, England; and Helen Barley, 18, of London. Express Photo.

London, Aug. 29. A big mine project has been started near Zaglik, in the small Caucasian range, following the discovery of the "world's biggest" deposits of alumina, a mineral with a large aluminium content, the Soviet news agency reported today.

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## Rule Of Law Defended

Belgrade, Aug. 29.

Dr. Vladimir Djelja, once a close friend of President Tito of Yugoslavia and later expelled from the Communist Party for spreading "false propaganda," today defended the rule of law among nations.

He was speaking at "peaceful co-existence and international law" at the 47th conference of the International Law Association which opened at Dubrovnik yesterday.

"Full active co-existence is impossible if it is based on international law," he declared. He said he did not believe that law was on the side of force.

Dr. Djelja, a law professor of modern history at Belgrade University, was one of the most prominent Communist leaders in Yugoslavia.

With former vice-president Milovan Djilas he was tried in January last year for "spreading hostile propaganda." He received a six-month suspended prison sentence. Djilas received one of 78 months. — China Mail Special.

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## BOOGIE WOOGIE AS CURE FOR YOUTH GANGS

Berlin, Aug. 29.

A Berlin suburban mayor has started a youth club where the wildest forms of boogie woogie dancing are encouraged. It is part of his plan to counteract the behaviour of gangs of youths between 13 and 25 who are becoming a danger to public order and safety in Berlin.

Police and youth welfare officials agree that these "half-strong" gangs, as Berliners call them, constitute only a small minority of the youth of the city but more and more serious crimes are being committed by youths, and gangs of boys and girls.

In appearance the Berlin "half-strong" differ little from their counterparts in other big cities of the Western world. The boys like to wear their hair long, sport close-fitting trousers and brightly printed shirts or pullovers, and the girls try to look as much as possible like the boys.

### More Serious

Welfare authorities consider that the problem is more serious here than it is in Paris, London or New York because Berlin is a war-ravaged city which has lived on charity ever since the war ended. Poverty, unemployment and disrupted families contribute new recruits for the half-strong gangs every day.

Police reports tell of nightly gatherings of hundreds of youths in dark parks, gambling halls and amusement parks, loitering about waiting for something to happen.

Often they make things happen. A passing stranger is knocked down; an unknown girl is stripped and manhandled; a tobacco kiosk overturned; or a car stolen for joy-rides.

By the time a police patrol arrives it faces a solid mass of vigorous youngsters who will not move an inch before their "arch-enemy."

Lone policemen consider themselves lucky to get away with a black eye or minor bruises, but once the riot squads turn up the gangs dissolve as if

by magic, for they are cowardly in the face of massive opposition or if caught alone.

### Astonishing

During a recent raid on a motor-cycle gang which specialised in conducting races on busy streets, molesting pedestrians and endangering traffic, the police detained more than 100 youths without having to use force.

The police then made some astonishing discoveries. Nearly all the youngsters were sons of well-to-do parents or young workers with above-average incomes, nearly all had jobs and were recognised by their employers as good, hard and reliable workers.

It seemed that after working hours they suffered from lack of outlets for their spirit of adventure. Bad films and the influence of a few criminal elements did the rest.

They found gang life ideal. Lonely at home, they felt strong and adventurous in a gang.

Time and time again young people from these gangs commit grave crimes.

A boy of 19 threatened, stabbed and drowned his 10-year-old girl friend because she was having a baby and wanted him to marry her.

A boy of 13 battered to death an old woman in East Berlin.

Four boys of 17 and 18 stripped and assaulted a 16-year-old girl in a park.

### Opinion Divided

Public opinion on how to deal with the half-strong is divided among those who advocate a tough policy towards them and those who propose more organised entertainment to get the young people off the streets.

Courts and local authorities are equally divided, and there is no single policy for the whole city.

Herr Willy Kressmann, mayor of a working-class district with a high incidence of youth gangs, is the foremost and most successful advocate of the "soft" course.

He started by inviting youths between 14 and 18 to a public meeting in a cinema to "talk things over." Seven-hundred filled the auditorium and hundreds stood outside.

Herr Kressmann wooed them with "hot" music for a while and then tackled them with a forthright description of gang crimes. "Is this really you?" he asked them.

### 'Dance As We Like'

The audience argued hotly that they were not young gangsters. They blamed the bad example of adults, the admission to cinemas of six-year-olds to see crime and horror films, and that "we have no ideals for which to live."

Herr Kressmann said that he would rather have them dance boogie woogie than loiter about. They replied that only the low dives allowed them to "dance as we like it."

Herr Kressmann then started a club in a civic youth centre. Even the wildest boogie woogie was allowed, but no smoking or drinking. The club was a big success and a school was added where the gentler forms of dancing are taught.

Many more public discussions followed. Then came the hard winter in which snow and ice paralysed the city streets.

Herr Kressmann appealed to his half-strong for help. Hundreds came next morning and shovelled hard all day without pay or reward.

### 'Endangered'

Herr Kressmann's methods have won respect from the psychologists but cannot overcome the basic problem peculiar to Berlin—that of 252,000 youths between 14 and 21 one in every three lost his father during the war.

About 41,000 young people have public guardians and 45,000 are registered as "endangered" because of disrupted family life, criminal parents or evil associates.

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## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



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# New York Cotton Futures Rally

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up to \$1.25 a bale, were termed a technical correction after a three-day rise by commodity traders.

Closing on a brisk rally, the list finished within one to six points of the previous close after being down as much as 25 points. Opening prices were off 4 to 22 points. New Orleans closed off 2 to up 7 points.

The setback attracted renewed buying for domestic and foreign

## London Stocks Have Very Quiet Day

trade account, along with evening-up before the 1944 Labour Day recess and reflecting the continued unfavourable tone of the crop news.

Commenting on the Indo-United States agreement, involving various US surplus commodities, traders thought the authorisation to buy 240 million pounds of raw cotton—approximately 500,000 bales—was not unusually large in view of the fact that the purchases are spaced over a three-year period.

**London, Aug. 29.**

**Stocks dawdled aimlessly** in very quiet trading on the London Exchange today. Gains and losses were about evenly divided at the close.

British Governments eased after a generally firm opening. Some held unchanged, while the losers were down £1/16 or £ 1/8.

October contract adjustment provided another trading feature. Leading spot interests were buying the spot oil at 25s. 6d. at the 33 1/2 cent level. Other trade interests bought December against sales of March.

Open October contracts today total 2,200 tons, a certain allocated stock held at 3,708 bales.

Olis turned active at times but finally eluded with losses in the majority. Burmah slipped about two shillings and Royal Dutch a shilling. Standard Oil was another soft spot.

German Polish bonds high-lighted the foreign department, extending the gains to nearly £5.

Month	Volume	Open Interest
January	13,900	217,200
December	34,000	302,900
March	23,700	352,700
May	32,400	198,200
July	13,400	116,800
October	8,900	71,400
December	3,000	25,100
Total	127,900	1,559,000 boxes

**NEW YORK**

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spri	34.40m
Oct.	33.73
Dec.	33.65
Mar.	33.70
May	33.56

July	32.83
Oct.	32.22
Dec.	32.23

**NEW ORLEANS**

Prices of futures closed today	
as follows:	
Spot	32.85
Oct	31.72

Jan.	33.78
Dec.	33.85
Mar.	33.70
May	33.88
July	32.93
Oct.	32.35

Dec. 31. 33.38

**LIVERPOOL**

Future—closing in cases per

London, Aug. 29.  
Completion of a specially

Old contract	Oct./Nov.	25.00
	Dec./Jan.	24.70
	Mar./Apr.	14.00-55

May/June	24.40	<p>announced.</p> <p>Believed to be the first in the UK rubber industry, the laboratory will study the effect of</p>
July/Aug.	24.35	
Oct./Nov.	25.00	
Dec./Jan.	24.80	
Mar./Apr.	24.60	
May/June	24.05	

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